

11<sup>th</sup> May 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

We are writing to let you know that, as your child is in Early Years/Year 1/Year 2, they are entitled to a free school meal every day. This is paid for by the Department of Education for all children in Early Years and Key Stage 1 and is known as universal free school meals. They choose to do this as it ensures that every child in this age group, whatever their circumstances, can have a meal at lunchtime each day. Many parents may not be aware of this or they choose to send their child to school with a packed lunch instead.

All our children are eating their lunches in their classroom within their bubble rather than the dining hall and our staff go and collect the lunches for the children from the kitchen to keep everyone safe.

Unfortunately, if we do not get as many children eating school lunches as are expected by the catering company, we get charged and this comes out of the school budget which we would rather use to improve our teaching and learning.

We have worked closely with the catering company to improve the menus to reflect what the children like to eat and we would ask you to consider asking your child to try the option of a school lunch again. Copies of the current menu are available on the school website or by clicking [here](#).

On Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> May we will be celebrating Spanish Day with our catering company, Harrisons. This involves eating special Spanish food and learning about the Spanish culture. Theme days are a common feature of our school meals menu and a fantastic opportunity for children to learn about other cultures and global events/festivals.

If you would like your child to take up their free school meal entitlement, please let the school office know or contact your child's class teacher by email.

Kind regards,



Mrs Magan  
Headteacher