



Monday 19th May 2014

Dear Parents/Carers

RE: School Meals and Universal Free Infant Meals

You may have heard in the media that the government is funding free school meals for infant children from September 2014. This has caused schools to re-think how they provide school meals and led to meal providers re-assessing their capacity.

For us at Eagle, this will mean a few changes. Our current school meal provider will not be able to continue to supply us with meals. We are disappointed about this, mainly due the efficient booking and payment systems they offer. That said, we have found a new provider, one shared and recommended by our local collaboration of schools. This does however mean that we will have to return to a 'slip and payment in an envelope' method, sent to and managed by the school office. More information and detail about this will follow nearer to the time, but it will be based on our previous system (if relevant).

In addition, children in the Infant age group (Reception, Year 1 and Year 2) will be entitled to a free school meal from September. We are interested to see what the potential uptake may be, therefore if your child is in Reception or Year 1 currently, we ask that you complete the slip below or return a response via e-mail to give us an idea of numbers.

If at any point while you child is in the Infant age group, your circumstances change and you believe you may be eligible for free school meals, it is vital that you apply as soon as possible and not wait until your child is Year 3 or beyond. Schools have historically received money for free school meals as part of the Pupil Premium funding, but we receive more than simply to cover the cost of the meal which goes towards supporting a child's whole educational experience at school.

I realise this is a lot of information covered, therefore if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to catch either myself or pop in to the school office.

Kind regards

Hayley Adams
Head Teacher

Universal Free Infant Meals

At this stage we anticipate that _____ will:

... have an infant meal	
... not have an infant meal	
... have to think about it	

Signed: _____

Date: _____

