



1st October 2024

Dear Parents and Carers

Thursday 3rd October 2024 – Meal Arrangements

We are always keen to carefully secure and invest the school's budget and resources as we seek to provide the very best opportunities and outcomes for your children. This is particularly the case at the moment as school budgets are as tight as ever.

With this in mind, Thursday 3rd October is an important day for us – it is on this day that central government count how many children, who qualify for free school meals, actually take up this offer. Over the coming months our school is then given funds to support the cost of meals on the basis of the number children counted on this single day.

As you can imagine we are keen ensure that this reflects accurately the number of children in our school that we provide with free meals – at our school this is high compared to the national average, so these funds are very important to us.

With this in mind we will be providing a school meal for **all** children who qualify for free school meals on Thursday. This is an ideal opportunity for your child to try school meals if they do not do so usually – they can even bring a packed lunch too if they would rather just 'have a try' of a school meal on this occasion.

If you think that your child may qualify for free school meals or you are not sure and would like us to help you check then please get in touch with a member of the school office team who will be happy to help.

Thanks in advance for your support in getting behind this special meal day which can make such a difference to our school – if your child qualifies for free school meals, please help them to choose an option from the menu below, even if just for a taster!

Thursday 3rd October 2024 – Build your own burger menu

Beef Burger
Veggie Burger
Fries & Baked Beans
Jacket Potato
Deli Bar
Tomato Pasta
Chocolate Cookie or Fresh Fruit

Yours sincerely

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