



Barrs Court Primary School



Census Day

Thursday
3rd October 2024

Dear Parents/Carers of Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 children

IMPORTANT SCHOOL DINNER FUNDING – Universal Infant Free School Meals (UIFSM)

I am just writing to remind you that all children in **Reception, Year One and Year Two** are entitled to a free 2-course hot school dinner every day. This is a fantastic opportunity for your child to either have a cooked meal or sandwich choice during the day with their friends. We now have a good number of children who enjoy the lunches provided by our catering company, **abm**.

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As you know, Barrs Court Primary School receives Government funding for children who are entitled to Universal Infant Free School Meals and this is calculated on '**Census Days**' during the year. ***The more children who take a school meal on this day, the more funding we will receive as a school and we hugely appreciate your support.***

We would like to encourage as many children as possible to book and enjoy a school dinner on this day. We are offering a selection of choices to maximise the uptake and will also be providing a jacket potato or sandwich option as usual so that there is something for every child to enjoy.



A copy of the Census Day menu is available to view at the end of this letter.

We hope this menu will maximise the amount of future funding that the school will receive. A sandwich option will also be available so if your child usually brings a packed lunch to school, they may find this option pleasing. Jacket potatoes are also available on this day.

Lunch bookings are to be made in the usual way via www.ParentPay.com. Please contact the school office if you are unable to log-in to book a meal.

Free School Meals (Income Related)

If you think that you may be entitled to Free School Meals based on the criteria outlined below, the school receives 'Pupil Premium' funding based on the number of children registered for this entitlement. Barrs Court Primary School uses this funding in many ways to support children's' learning and full details are available to view on the school website.

Free school meals are available to pupils in receipt of, or whose parents are in receipt of, one or more of the following benefits:

- Income Support
- income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- the guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)



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- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

Children who get paid these benefits directly, instead of through a parent or guardian, can also get free school meals.

If you do not qualify for most benefits (also known as having 'no recourse to public funds'), your child may still be eligible for free school meals. Ask their school or local authority whether they're eligible.

To apply for benefits related free school meals, please visit <https://find-information-for-adults-children-families.southglos.gov.uk/kb5/southglos/directory/advice.page?id=yp4evwg7Duw#free>

If you wish to discuss any aspect of this letter, please contact me in the school office where I will be happy to speak with you in confidence.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

Karen Llewellyn

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