

Dear Parent,

Help Us to Help Your Child!

As you may be aware, last September the government introduced the **Universal Infant Free School Meals (UIFSM)** scheme.

As the name suggests, the scheme is designed to provide, free of charge, all children in Year 1 and Year 2 with a delicious, nutritional meal which will help them maximise their learning potential at this critically important time in their school career.

The scheme is proving to be incredibly successful and across the country thousands of children are already experiencing the benefits every day.

However, some confusion has been caused for those parents who, under the previous system, would have had to register their children for free school meals.

Whether your child is in Year 1, Year 2 or older year groups, we still need you to register for free school meals!

Much of the government funding that our school receives from government is generated directly by the number of children registering for free school meals. Therefore, if you meet any of the criteria listed below and fail to register your child – even if they already qualify for a meal under UIFSM – the amount of funding that we receive will reduce. This will make it more difficult for us to provide the quality learning experience that your child/children deserve.

If any of the following applies to you, please contact the school and arrange for your child/children to be registered as soon as possible.

- ✓ Receive income support
- ✓ Receive income-based job seeker's allowance
- ✓ Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- ✓ Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- ✓ The guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
- ✓ Child Tax Credit (providing you are not also entitled to working tax credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- ✓ Working Tax Credit run-on – paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit.

If you have any concerns or queries, please contact the school.

Thank you for your continued support

The Headteacher