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Dear Parents/Carers,

Universal Infant Free School Meals (UIFSM)

As you may be aware, the Government announced from September 2014, every child in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will be offered a free school lunch. The aim of the initiative is to bring about a significant increase in the numbers of children eating nutritious cooked meals at lunchtimes.

We currently cook all of our meals on site and are able to offer our children a hot meal at school every day. They can have a choice of a vegetarian option and we cater for all dietary needs. Our school meals can be ordered by School Gateway and you will also be receiving further details of how this scheme works at school. Alternatively, if the children wish to eat their own packed lunch, this is entirely up to you. All of the children eat together in our school canteen as this is an important aspect of their social development.

Pupil Premium Grant /Free School Meals (FSM)

Once the children reach the end of Year 2, we will write to remind you that UIFSM ends. You may however be eligible for Free School Meals if you are in receipt of Universal Credit. We would be grateful if all parents who are in receipt of Universal Credit, could complete a free school meals form, even if your child does not have a school dinner. This is most important for the school because it has a direct benefit to the school's budget. To apply, please go through the Citizen Portal or contact the Customer Service Centre to request a hard copy form. All further information can be found at freeschoolmeals@devon.gov.uk or by contacting 0345 155 1019 for further advice.

Further information of how we currently spend our Pupil Premium Grant to support our pupils can also be located on the school's website.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact us at school.

Yours sincerely,

Jo Dentith

Head teacher

