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### School Meals Funding

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are once again asking for your support with our funding for school meals.

The funding we receive for school meals is based upon the number of meals served on Census Days. If 100 children have a meal on that day, we will be funded for 100 meals for the year, even if every other day 200 children have a meal. That funding shortfall has to come from our budget and last financial year we had to subsidise school meals at a cost of over £25,000 from our school budget!

The next Census Day is on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2025. Please can we ask that as many of you as possible order a hot lunch for Census Day (a menu for the day is attached to this letter). The cut-off date for ordering is this Thursday, 18<sup>th</sup> September. For anyone that does not order, we will be ordering a 'taster meal' on your behalf. Please be assured that your child will not be made to eat it if they do not want to and you can still send them in with a packed lunch if you wish.

If you have never ordered a meal before, you will need to register with ParentPay. Please contact Mrs Porter in the school office who can set you up with a username and password.

Thank you in advance for your support in this matter.

With best wishes

Sally Dreckmann  
Headteacher

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