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17th December 2025

Dear Parents and Carers

CENSUS DAY AND UNIVERSAL INFANT FREE SCHOOL MEAL (UIFSM) – THURSDAY 15th JANUARY 2026

We are writing to you because we need your help and support. The funding that the school receives for the year to Provide 'Universal Free School Meals' for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 is based upon how many children have a school dinner on one particular day, (Thursday 15th January 2026). It is not just given based on how many children you have in those year groups. Therefore, the more children who have a school dinner on census day, the better funded your child's school is.

We would, therefore, encourage as many parents as possible to book a school meal for their child on that day.

Ordering is open from Monday 15th December – Monday 1st January for this date.

As meals for children in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2 are free, we would encourage your child to try it, but you would be welcome to send your child in with a packed lunch too that day, (you would still need to book this meal for them through Parentpay).

Chartwells have a special menu for Census day which is:

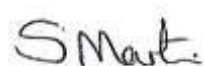
- **Beef burger**
- **Veggie Nuggets**
- **Sides – chips, sweetcorn, salad**
- **Jam sponge and custard**

To maximise our potential funding, we would encourage all families with children entitled to UIFSM to enjoy their free meal on Thursday 15th January, rather than bringing a packed lunch that day.

Hopefully it will also create some enthusiasm amongst the children who don't normally take the meals and lead to more of them eating over the rest of the school year.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely



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