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### **PARENTS OF INFANT CHILDREN**

Dear Parents/Carers,

On Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> January we have to comply with one of three census returns within the academic year to the Department for Education. During these returns, the Government looks at a variety of the information we give them and uses that information to determine how much our school's annual budget is going to be.

As you are aware, all children in Hedgehog Class (Reception, Year 1 and Year 2) are entitled to a free school meal under the government initiative, which started at the beginning of September 2014. The Government intends to base a portion of our budget on the number of infant children taking advantage of a free meal on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> January.

I am aware that not all infant children have a meal every day of the week, but most of our infant children are having a meal on some days. I would like to ask all parents of infants to consider allowing their child(ren) to take a meal on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> January to ensure we get the maximum funding due to us.

Please consider putting your child down for a lunch on 15<sup>th</sup> January, using the online booking system on ParentPay. This can be booked up to mid-day on the previous day.

Please do not hesitate to speak to either myself or Mrs King if you have any queries about the above and thank you for your support with this matter.

Kind regards,

Mrs T. Wood  
Deputy Executive Head Teacher

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