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Dear Parents/Carers

Information on Universal Infant Free School Meals AND Free School Meals

Universal Infant Free School Meals (UISFM)

The government currently funds schools in England to provide every child in Year Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 with a free nutritious meal at lunch time. The aim is to improve academic attainment and save families money.

Linwood will provide free school meals for children in years Reception, 1 and 2 which will be a hot meal cooked in our own kitchen on site and should be booked in advance on ParentMail.

We can cater for different needs, such as gluten/casein free diets on request.

Please complete the reply slip below to let us know whether you would like to take up the opportunity of a school meal or if you would rather provide a packed lunch.

Please see overleaf for further information on applying for Free School Meals.

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Universal Infant Free School Meals for pupils in Year Reception, Year 1 and year 2

Pupil's name

Please tick as appropriate

I would like my child to have a free school meal from September 2023 onwards

I intend to provide a packed lunch for my child from September 2023 onwards

Free School Meals application

This is different from the Universal Free School Meals overleaf. Although your child may qualify for Universal Free School Meals, if you feel you may be entitled to apply for Free School Meals then this is worth doing as you and the school will receive further benefits.

The Government gives money to school to help children from lower income families do their very best. This funding is called a 'Pupil Premium'. For every child registered for Free School Meals, Linwood School gets between £900 and £1,300.

With this money we could purchase additional resources for the school to support learning and improve outcomes. If you are registered for Free School Meals you could also get help with the cost of uniform, school trips/residential visits and after school clubs.

How does it work?

First, check if you qualify – see the back of the application form enclosed in the pack for eligibility.

Registering is really quick and easy – if you think you qualify then you can either apply online at: <https://www.bcpccouncil.gov.uk/Schools-and-learning/Free-school-meals/How-to-apply-for-free-school-meals.aspx> (click the green APPLY button on the right hand side) or complete the application form attached and send directly to the Town Hall.

If you wish to contact the Free School Meals team please telephone 01202 123222 or email: fsm@bcpcouncil.gov.uk

Please register as soon as possible.

No one will know you have registered and it will not affect any other benefits you may be receiving.

Yours sincerely



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