



Highcliffe St. Mark Primary School & Fledglings Pre-School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

School Meals : CENSUS Day Thursday 1st October 2026

Next Thursday 1st October the Government will conduct a survey of the number of free school meals we serve to the following groups –

- Children in years R, 1 and 2 who are entitled to Universal Free School meals - the Government initiative providing free school meals to all KS1 children
- Children in Years 3 to 6 who are eligible for benefit-related free school meals

This data is used to calculate part of our funding for the next 12 months. If a child does not eat a hot meal on this day, we will not receive their funding for the whole year. As a result, we will have to use money from elsewhere in the school budget to pay for the universal hot meal initiative meaning there will be less money available to spend on the education of our children.

We are asking you to support our school by ordering a free school meal for your Reception, Year 1 or Year 2 child or any eligible child in KS2 on Thursday 1st October.

Thank you in advance for your support in ensuring that our school receives as much funding as possible to support the education, health and well-being of our children.

Yours truly,

Claire Barker



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