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Dear Parents,

### **Universal Infant Free School Meals.**

As you may be aware, there are important changes on the way for school lunch provision in English schools. The government has announced that, from September 2014, all children in Key Stage 1 (Foundation, Year 1 and Year 2) in state-funded schools, will be offered a free tasty and nutritious school lunch.

The independent School Food Plan, published by the Department for Education in July 2013, recommended this policy, based on the findings of the free school meal pilots held between 2009 and 2011. The pilots showed that universal free school meals can have significant benefits both for individual children and for the broader life of the school. Pupils in the pilot areas were found to eat more healthily and perform better academically. Schools also reported improved behaviour and atmosphere, as a result of all pupils (and an increasing number of teachers) eating together every day, whilst also learning important life and social skills associated with meal times.

Sir William Ramsey will continue to provide our hot school meals which are ordered at morning registration on a daily basis using a simple 'hands up' system. A copy of the termly menus is on our school website and also at the school office.

Yours Sincerely

Sarah Leighton  
Headteacher