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Dear Parent/Carer,

School Lunches

As you are aware whilst your child has been in Year 2 they have been entitled to receive a free school lunch under the governments Universal Free School Lunch programme. This scheme is for children from Foundation Stage up to Year 2 and as your child will be moving into Year 3 in September, they will no longer be eligible for a free school lunch under this scheme.

Children that are on our system as being entitled to benefit related free school meals will of course still receive a free lunch at school.

If during the next academic year, you wish for your child to continue to have a school lunch it is school policy that lunches are paid a week in advance. From the 1st September 2026, the cost of a school lunch will be £3.10 per day (£15.50 per week). Payments should be made online via the Arbor Parent App.

Please use the following route to make payments on the Arbor App

- From your child's home page, scroll down to Accounts,
- Select school meals,
- Click the green tab "Top up account"
- Enter the amount you wish to pay and click the "Pay Now" green tab,
- It will then ask you to enter your payment card details.

In September if you no longer want your child to have school lunches then please provide them with a healthy packed lunch.

We understand that this may cause hardship for some families. If you think you are entitled to free school meals but have chosen not to make an application yet, or your circumstances have changed and you would like to apply for free school meals, we urge you to do so. Please contact the school office and we will help you to check if you are eligible for free school meals. All queries will be dealt sensitively and confidentially, and we will do all we can to support you.

If you have any questions, then please contact the school office.

Yours sincerely

Mrs L Duffin
Headteacher

