Dear Parents and Carers,

**Free School Meals for Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2**

From September 2014 the Government has offered free school meals to all children in Reception as well Years 1 and 2. Our expectation is that *all* children will take up this offer with a potential saving to families of up to £380 per child per year based on current school meal prices.

If you do not wish your child to benefit from free school meals or if you would like to set up a pattern which involves your child having a school meal on certain days of the week and a packed lunch on other days, please let us know. In the event we do not hear from you your child will be provided with a meal for each school day. A sample menu of the meals we provide is attached.

We are aware that some children have dietary needs, i.e. for religious or medical reasons. If this applies to your child would you please bring this to our attention? The “Pupil Admission Information” form provided asks that you provide such information (under medical or special needs) on a separate sheet.

Please note that after Year 2 your child will no longer qualify for free school meals under this scheme. If you feel that you would qualify for free school meals on financial grounds we would encourage you to apply for what is referred to as a “Pupil Premium”. There is a separate letter detailing this. As there are other benefits to this premium we would urge you to apply for the same now and not wait until after Year 2.

Kind Regards



Stephen Jackson

Head Teacher