

OAKDENE PRIMARY SCHOOL
Universal Paid School Meals for all Infant Children

May 2014

Dear Parents,

I am sure you will have heard that all Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 Children are to be offered a free School meal in the middle of the day at all Schools in England from September 2014. We now need to know numbers for September as to how many children in these age groups will be taking up this offer.

We are therefore asking you to complete the form below to ascertain whether your child will be having a school meal from September. I suggest that if you don't know what your child will be doing in September, please still apply for this facility by completing the form below anyway so your child will be able to have the school meal if they wish to.

If you definitely know that your child WILL NOT at ANYTIME want a school meal then please tick the box saying that you do not want them to have the 'Universal Free School Meal'. If your child will want Fishy Friday meals or the occasional 'special meal', eg: Themes such as the Royal Wedding, Football etc, please state that you DO want to take up the offer. This is not adhering your child to having a School lunch every day, rather that it then gives you the facility to access these special events without you having to pay for the meal.

We need to know numbers by Friday 23rd May so my advice would be to apply for them (simply by completing this form) and then further decisions can be made later on in the School year. Also, if you could indicate what option your other children in Oakdene will be taking, we would be most grateful. If you do not return the form, we will assume that you will be taking up the offer of a free school meal, but we would prefer you to return the form so that we have all the details. Please complete a form for each child you will have in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2 and return it to School by Friday 23rd May.

Please note that if you are entitled to Income Support, Guarantee Credit, Job Seeker's Allowance (income based) or Employment and Support Allowance (income related), please do still apply for these benefits even if you just got Free School Meals as we will be able to access Pupil Premium Money for your child if you are eligible.

If you have any queries regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me. This is new for our Staff and the Schools Catering Service and we hope that everything goes smoothly.

Yours sincerely,

H. Lee
Headteacher

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Name of Child

I will be taking up the offer of a paid for meal for my Child from September 2014

I will not be taking up the offer of a paid for meal for my Child from September 2014

My other child(ren):

..... Year will be having Packed Lunch / School Dinner*

..... Year will be having Packed Lunch / School Dinner*

*Please delete as appropriate

Signed:(Parent/ Guardian)