

THE DIAMOND LEARNING PARTNERSHIP TRUST

Established in the Queens Jubilee Year 2012
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Re: School Census Day – Thursday 15th January

Dear Parents and Carers in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2,

I am writing to let you know about an important date for our school, School Census Day, which takes place on Thursday 15 January.

On this day, schools across the country are required to submit information to the Department for Education. One of the key things recorded is how many infant age children take a school meal on that day. This information is then used by the government to help calculate future funding for the school.

Why is this important?

- All infant children (Reception, Year 1, and Year 2) are entitled to a free school meal every day under the Universal Infant Free School Meals scheme.
- Even if your child does not usually have school dinners, or you do not plan for them to have school meals for the rest of the year, choosing a school meal on this one day can still make a meaningful difference.
- Schools can receive up to £500 in additional funding for pupils who take a meal on Census Day, even if they do not take a school meal for the rest of the year. This funding helps us provide extra resources, staffing, and opportunities for all pupils.

We therefore kindly ask that, if possible, you consider allowing your child to have a school meal on Thursday 15 January. Taking part on this day helps the school as a whole and benefits all children, both now and in the future.

On this day, the menu will not be as advertised but will be changed to:

Fish fingers (red option)

Margherita pizza (green option)

Tomato pasta (yellow option)

These are all favourites with the children! On Friday the only change to the menu will be that we will be serving a jacket potato rather than tomato pasta.

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Free School Meal Applications

If you think your child may be eligible for Free School Meals beyond the universal entitlement scheme, please apply. For every child registered, the school receives a Pupil Premium grant, which is vital for supporting learning and enrichment activities - even if your child prefers packed lunches. We are also able to subsidise some school trips/activities if your child is eligible.

To apply, please visit <https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals> or contact the school office for assistance.

Thank you very much for your continued support. If you have any questions about School Census Day or school meals, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

Yours sincerely,



Jonathan Lewis
Chief Executive Officer