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Dear Parents/ Carers

School Dinners and Census Day

You may be aware that free school dinners are available for your child whilst they are at the Infant School.

Schools are given a grant to provide a 'Universal Infant Free School Meal' (UIFSM) for all children in Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1. This grant is calculated from the take-up of the free meal on 2 key census dates during the academic year on which, we report certain data to the Department for Education.

Our school uptake of UIFSM has dropped in recent years, which means our school is losing out on potentially thousands of pounds each year.

Please help us to maximise our school income this year by booking your child a free school meal for Thursday 19 January. If your child doesn't normally have hot dinners, or hasn't had one for a while, this would be an ideal time to try them.

The meal will be paid for by the school and **if your child does not wish to eat it, they can bring in a packed lunch on that day**, if preferred. Simply ordering a meal will earn us funding for the next financial year!

All hot meals are freshly prepared and are nutritionally balanced to ensure children have a healthy balanced diet. Allergies are also catered for.

We are continually working with our catering company to raise standards. If you have any comments or feedback we would like to hear them, please speak to myself or a member of staff.

To order a meal, log in to your ParentPay account and navigate to "Bookings, make or view bookings". Should you have any difficulties with this, please contact the school office. Our menu is also available on our website <https://grange-inf.swindon.sch.uk/information-for-parents/school-dinners>

Pupil Premium - Free School Meals (FSM)

Children may also be entitled to Pupil Premium (and income based Free School Meal entitlement). This is different to Universal Free School Meals that all our Infant school children are entitled to and will continue once they leave us to start Junior school. Please visit our website for further information regarding this. <https://grange-inf.swindon.sch.uk/school-news/free-school-meals-and-uifsm-whats-the-differenc>

Your child may be entitled to Income Related Free School Meals if you are in receipt of the following:

- **Income Support**
- **Job Seekers Allowance**
- **Income Related Employment and Support Allowance**
- **Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999**
- **The guaranteed element of Pension Credit**
- **Child Tax Credit (provided you are not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16190**
- **Working Tax Credit run on – paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit**
- **Universal Credit (provided your household annual income is less than £7,400 after tax and not including any benefits you get)**

If you think that your child may be entitled to this, please could you complete the online application process with Swindon Borough Council as soon as possible. The link below will take you to their website where you can click on “Appy for free school meals”.

https://www.swindon.gov.uk/info/20032/schools_and_education/408/free_school_meals

Thank you for your continued support.

**Elly Rushen-Gough
Principal**