

# Meriden C of E Primary School

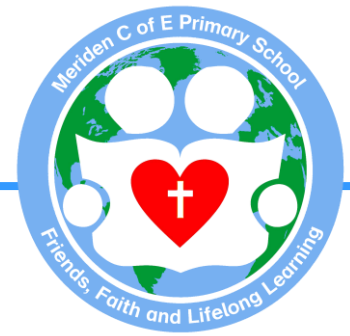
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Dear Parents,

You may be aware that the government has announced that every child in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will receive a free school lunch from September 2014. The aim is to improve academic attainment and save families money – over the course of a year the average family spends £437 on school lunches per child.

Universal free school meals for primary school pupils were a key recommendation in a recent review of school food produced independently for the Department for Education. The review found that, in pilots where all children have been given a free school dinner, students were academically months ahead of their peers elsewhere and more likely to eat vegetables at lunchtime instead of less healthy food.

In order to ensure we are fully prepared for this to commence in September, for example by having sufficient kitchen staff in place, could you please indicate on the slip below whether you intend to take up the offer of a free school meal or not for your child. The government is hoping that all children will choose a hot dinner; however, if your child will only eat the salad or baguette option, this can be arranged following discussion with school.

If you have a child in Key Stage 2 as well as Reception, Year 1 or Year 2 and they currently do not have a hot dinner, could you also indicate whether they will be having a hot meal from September too.

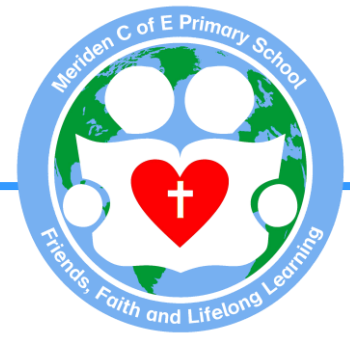
I am aware that your thoughts may change over the next few months but your response will help us greatly in organising lunchtime in the autumn term and beyond.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Lucy Winkler  
Headteacher





Name of child: \_\_\_\_\_

Class: \_\_\_\_\_

Please tick if you agree:

My son/daughter in FS2, Y1, Y2 will be having a free school meal from September

My son/daughter in FS2, Y1, Y2 currently has a school meal most days

My son/daughter in FS2, Y1, Y2 currently has a school meal occasionally

My son/daughter in Key Stage 2 (years 3-6) will be having a school meal from September

My son/daughter in Key Stage 2 (years 3-6) currently has a school meal most days

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_