

Dear Parent

## Help us to help your Child – FREE Meals for KS1

As you may be aware, the Government introduced the Universal Free School Meals Scheme (UIFSM), which means all children in Year R, Year 1 and Year 2 automatically qualify for FREE nutritious school meals to maximise their learning at this critically important time in their school life.

Thousands of children already benefit from this scheme across the country. However, we recognise that some parents are confused as to whether they need to register and are consequently not taking advantage of this scheme which could save you over £400 a year for each child in KS1. For UIFSM, parents do not need to register unless they qualify for income based free school meals.

The income based free school meal system is separate from UIFSM. Whatever year group your child is in, you could help your school even further by registering for free school meals. Your school can then receive Government funding to provide an even greater quality learning experience. Contact your school for details to check if you are eligible.

HC3S are an award-winning catering provider, chosen by your school to produce freshly cooked nutritious meals each day for your child(ren). We meet the School Food Plan and have the Soil Association Food for Life Bronze award for all our primary schools.

You can find menus either on the school web site or on the HC3S web site [www.hants.gov.uk](http://www.hants.gov.uk), along with more about the provenance of the food. HC3S also publish the following day's menu for the majority of schools at 3 pm on their Facebook page @Facebook/hc3seducation so I would encourage you to follow them.

Don't lose out! If you don't already, we hope you will take up this opportunity.

Yours faithfully

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