



FAIRLANDS PRIMARY SCHOOL & NURSERY

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Dear Parents/Carers

Next THURSDAY 15TH JANUARY, is School Census Day. This is when Herts County Council gathers data to determine how much funding they allocate to each school.

Please read this letter, even if your child does not have school meals!

There are two different Free School Meal Schemes in school.

Universal Free School Meals

Children in Reception to Year 2 are all entitled to have a free school meal each day under a Government run scheme called **Universal Free School Meals**.

The Census gathers information on the number of children who have a Universal Free School Meal that day. We are, therefore, having a Gourmet Burger Day **next Thursday**. *Please encourage your child to take part.*

Free School Meal Status

Parents of any children in **Nursery to Year 6** who are claiming one of the benefits listed below, are entitled to register for **Free School Meal Status**.

- Income Support
- Income based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Pension Credit (Guarantee Credit element)
- (Income Related) Employment Support Allowance
- Child Tax Credit with income below £16,190 and not in receipt of Working Tax Credit

For each child who is registered the school will receive £1,300 Pupil Premium funding, which schools have the freedom to spend in a way they think will best support the raising of attainment for the most vulnerable pupils. For more information, follow this link to the [HertsDirect website](http://www.hertsdirect.org)

If you are eligible, and have not already registered your child/children, please do so BEFORE next Thursday, so that the school receives its maximum Pupil Premium entitlement.

To apply for Free School Meal Status go to www.hertsdirect.org/freeschoolmeals or call 0300 123 4048, providing your National Insurance Number and date of birth. Alternatively, please contact the school office with these details and we can apply for you.

Thank you for your support.

Regards

Robert Staples
HEADTEACHER

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