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Dear Parents and Carers,

END OF UNIVERSAL INFANT FREE SCHOOL MEALS (“UIFSM”) ENTITLEMENT FOR YEAR 2 PUPILS

As part of the Universal Infant Free School Meal (UIFSM) policy introduced by the Department for Education (DfE) in September 2014, Coleham School provides all infant-aged pupils (i.e. those in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2) with school meals free of charge.

As your child will be progressing to Year 3 in September 2018, their entitlement to UIFSM will come to an end on Friday 20th July 2018, and you will be required to pay for any subsequent school meals your child has. A school meal costs £2.20 per day and is payable by ParentPay only (from April 2018 the school stopped accepting cash/cheque payments for school meals, trips and extra-curricular clubs).

Benefits-Based Free School Meal Scheme

If you are on a joint family income of less than £16,190 and are in receipt of any of the benefits below, you may, however, qualify for the benefits-based Free School Meals scheme:

- Universal credit (provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400, as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods)
- Income support
- Income-based jobseeker’s allowance
- Income-related employment and support allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guarantee element of pension credit
- Child tax credit (provided you’re not also entitled to working tax credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working tax credit run-on – paid for four weeks after you stop qualifying for working tax credit

In addition to providing free school meals for eligible children, this scheme gives the children's school a payment (referred to as "Pupil Premium") of up to £1,320 per annum to purchase services/equipment to support their education. So, even if you prefer your child to have packed lunches from home, we would encourage you to claim for this benefit if you are eligible in order that the school receives this funding to support eligible children in their learning.

To apply for the Free School Meals scheme please complete an application form – copies can be found in the carousel in the main entrance lobby area – and return it to the school office; or click on the following link to Shropshire Council's website and apply online:

<https://shropshire.gov.uk/free-school-meals/>

The school office will forward any completed forms submitted to us to the Free School Meals Unit at Shropshire Council and notify you as soon as your eligibility is confirmed/declined.

If you have any questions about the benefits-based Free School Meals scheme please contact Mrs Jane Hilbert, our school's Administration Manager.

Yours sincerely,



Claire Jones
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