

Dear Parent/Carer,

Re: Reception hot lunches.

As you will already know, all Reception children will start to complete full days at school as of Monday 17th September. This also means that they will have the opportunity to have free hot meals at lunch time (under the government 'Universal Infants Free School Meal' scheme) provided by our kitchen facility and team of caterers.

We hope that you will consider this option for your child as an alternative to a packed lunch although we do fully appreciate that this is a personal choice and would always want you to choose the option that is right for you and your child.

In order to help you make up your mind as to whether a hot meal is the right option, we would like to invite you to join your child for a free meal in school.

Mrs. Tomkinson's children and parents will have this opportunity on Monday 24th September

Miss Dixon's children and parents will have this opportunity on Tuesday 25th September

Miss Dixon's children and parents will have this opportunity on Thursday 28th September

This will allow you to see the lunchtime arrangements in operation and also to get a flavour of the food that will be on offer! It will also give you a hands-on insight into part of your child's school day and give you chance to help them get used to the process of having a hot lunch at The Coppice!

If you would like to take advantage of this opportunity, we would love to see you! All you have to do is fill in the slip at the bottom of this letter and return it to your child's class teacher by Friday 21st September. If however you are unable to attend due to work or other commitments, we are more than happy for a grandparent or other close relative to attend instead.

Should you decide to come, we would like you to arrive at school at 11.15 a.m. in order to meet your child in the Reception waiting area at 11.20 a.m. – a senior member of staff will be there to open the gate. You will then accompany your child to the hall (along with their lunchtime supervisor) and begin getting served at around 11.30 a.m. We expect the eating of the lunch to take about twenty five minutes therefore finishing at around 11.55 a.m. Following the meal, your child will say goodbye and go outside for a playtime as they will have already been used to.

Hopefully, you will see this as a very good opportunity for you and your child to spend some time together at school and we very much look forward to seeing you.

Yours sincerely,

(Mr. Hutt – Deputy Headteacher)

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Please delete as appropriate and return to your child's class teacher by Friday 21st September:

I will/ will not be joining (child's name)_____ for a hot lunch at school.

Class:_____

The name of the adult who will be accompanying the child is _____

Relationship to child: _____