

Wednesday 30th June

Dear Parents/Carers,

Current Year 2 children transferring to Year 3 in September 2021

It is almost the end of another school year and your child will be moving to Year 3 in September. Your child's **entitlement to a Universal Infant Free School Meal will end on 23rd July 2021**. From September, unless you qualify for free school meals, you will have to pay for school meals or provide a packed lunch.

Our schools have extensive experience in school meals, and are dedicated to food, health and education. Our food is appetising, ethically-sourced, and freshly cooked on site in our excellent kitchens, with menus that meet the government's nutritional standards and contribute to the health and education of children and young people. We have tried to keep the costs of our school meals as low as possible, priced at **£2.45** per meal.

School meals must be paid for in advance and as such, your account must always be in credit. If you decide that your child will bring a packed lunch, you will need to give us half a term's notice before the changes can be made. In addition to this, should you find yourself in arrears the school will no longer be able to provide a hot meal for your child and you will be required to provide a packed lunch until your debt is cleared.

Free school meals

Important Notice: You may still be eligible for Free School Meals. It costs nothing to apply but could save you money and the school receives extra funding for your child's education.

To be eligible for Free School Meals the parent or carer must receive one of the following:

- Universal Credit with an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400 (£616.67 per month)
- Child Tax Credit only (with no Working Tax Credit) with an annual gross income of no more than £16,190.
- Working Tax Credit is a disqualifying benefit regardless of your household income – this means that you would not be entitled to free school meals while in receipt of Working Tax Credit
- Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for the four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)
- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guarantee element of Pension Credit

Please complete and return the attached school meals choice form and **Free School Meal/Pupil Premium Application Form** to the school office as soon as possible to check your entitlement if you are unsure.

Kind Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Nicky Ross'. The signature is stylized with a large, looping 'N' and 'R'.

Nicky Ross
Headteacher, Woodpecker and Cuckoo Hall Academy
North Star Community Trust, Leader of Primary Education

Year 3 – School Meals Choice for September 2021
(Please return to the school office by 8th July 2021)

Child's Name: Class:

From 6th September 2021 I have decided my child will (tick as appropriate):

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Bring a healthy packed lunch which I will provide,

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Have a school meal which I will pay for via Arbor. I understand I always need to be in credit and the consequences of being in debt.

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Have a school meal which will be covered by my entitlement to FSM. I understand that if I am not eligible I will need to pay for my child's school meal. (Please ensure the form is completed to find out if you are eligible).

Parent Name:

Parent Signature: Date: