



Loxdale Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Census "Taster" Lunch
Thursday 3rd October 2024
Chicken Nuggets & chips/Quorn Nuggets & chips - Free School Meals Funding

On certain days every year we have a school census, where we must complete data about the numbers of children in school who are eligible for either universal free school meals (Reception and Key Stage 1) or an income based Free School Meal (FSM) and whether they are having a school meal on census day.

We are required to report this data to the government and the information is used to determine funding for school, which is used for staffing and resources etc. Ideally, it would be based on the number of children we have on roll who are eligible, but, unfortunately, it is based on the number of children who have a lunch on census day. Like most schools we need as much funding as possible, especially at this difficult time.

If your child is either entitled to free school meals or universal school meals, we are asking those children to uptake a school lunch on **Thursday 3rd October 2024** to optimise our funding for school, if you have not completed Arbor to state a meal option then we will automatically order the hot meal for your child to try on this day.

If your child always has sandwiches from home, and you are worried that, if they have a school meal on census day that they won't like it or eat it, please feel free to send in sandwiches for their lunch, but they can also have a taster of what's on offer that day!

If your child is a paid dinner and you would like them to have the census meal on this day, then this is not a problem please ensure your child's dinner account on the Arbor app is topped by £2.40 and complete their meal choice through the Arbor App.



Thursday 3rd October 2024
Census 'Taster' Day Menu

Chicken Nuggets/Quorn Nuggets
With chips

Jam Doughnut, Yoghurt or a piece of fruit.

Sandwiches, Wraps and Jacket potatoes with a choice of fillings will also be available on this day as normal.

PLEASE NOTE: You will be required to order your child's dinner option through the Arbor app on this day as normal, as menus will be amended so that these lunch options can be chosen.

We would really appreciate your support by encouraging your child to try our menu on this day, as this will really help us with our funding.

Thank you.

Yours Sincerely

P. Scott

Mrs P. Scott
Headteacher

