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Dear Parents / Carers

School Meals for children who have moved from Year 2 to Year 3

During their time in reception to year 2, the children enjoyed school dinners free of charge under the Universal Free School Meal scheme. Unfortunately this scheme does not include children in years 3, 4, 5 & 6. Therefore if you would like your child to continue having school meals you will need to pay for them. The school meals cost £2.20 per day and can be paid via your Arbor account.

However, your child may be able to continue to eat for free if you are in receipt of any of benefits:

- **Income Support**
- **Income-based Jobseekers Allowance**
- **Income-related Employment and Support Allowance**
- **Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999**
- **The guaranteed element of State Pension Credit**
- **Child Tax Credit** (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and you have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- **Working Tax Credit run-on** (paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)
- **Universal Credit** – your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

To register you can apply online at www.hertsdirect.org/freeschoolmeals It only takes 5 minutes, and in most cases you will be told straightaway if your child can get free meals at school. You will need to have your National Insurance number when you apply.

If your child is not eligible for Free School Meals please can you log into Arbor to pay off any debt that may have accrued since returning to school in September 2020.

If you need any help or further information, including how to log into Arbor, please contact the school office.

Please note that all applications are confidential, and will not affect any other benefits you are claiming.

Yours sincerely

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