



SHARPS COPSE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Our ref: SCPN Census Day – Oct 2022

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Dear Parents & Carers

Re: Census Day – Thursday 6th October 2022

I am writing to ask for your help – we have three census days a year in school (once a term) when we're expected to submit our school data to the Department for Education (DfE), giving a 'snap shot' view of our school on a day of their choosing, that usually falls 3-4 weeks after the beginning of each new term. Some of the factors used are number on roll (children), ages of children, SEN provision, number of meals taken, how children travel to school, number of staff etc, all of which are linked to our school funding for the following years' budget share.

Part of this data includes our meal uptake on this day, and in particular children who have a free school meal (FSM) and a universal free school (UFSM), the latter being only available for our children in Years R to 2, and is a decider on how much funding we receive for our FSM and UFSM uptake on this day.

With this in mind, please can I ask you to support us by allowing your child(ren) to have a school lunch on **Thursday 6th October** with choices from our existing menu on the day:

Red meal = Sliced pork and yorkshire pudding

Green meal = Vegetarian sausages and yorkshire pudding

Blue meal = Jacket potato with ham and cheese

****A special pudding of Iced Sponge Cake will also be served****

This will help us boost our numbers so that we continue receiving our FSM and UFSM funding. Meals are to be ordered in class at morning registration in the usual way, please with payment, if applicable, being made via your child(ren)'s Scopay accounts.

We are also required to identify all children who are adopted, under an SGO (Special Guardianship Order) and those under a CAO (Care Arrangements Order, previously known as a residence order).

This provides school with additional funding to provide specific support to raise attainment and address wider needs of vulnerable children. I would be really grateful if you could notify the school office if this applies to your child by Monday 3rd October, please.

My final request is regarding 'Service Children' – a 'service child' has parent(s) – or person(s) with exercising parental responsibility- who is or are service personnel serving:

- in regular HM Forces military units
- in full commitment as part of the full-time reserve service
- in the armed forces of another nation and stationed in England

Again, if you would please let the office know if this applies to you.

Thank you in advance for your continued understanding and support; if you have any concerns or queries with the content of this letter, please don't hesitate to contact me on the above number where I'll be more than happy to speak with you.

Yours sincerely



Mike Elsen
Headteacher