



## Loxdale Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

### "Taster" Lunch Thursday 6th October 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 you are receiving this letter, it means that your child is either entitled to free school meals or universal school meals, we are therefore asking that all children who are entitled to free school meals or universal school meals to have a school lunch on Thursday 6th October to optimise our funding.

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!





Menu on  
Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> October

Traditional Roast Dinner with Trimmings or  
Quorn Roast Dinner with Trimmings **V**

Creamed Potatoes  
Cauliflower & Green Beans  
Syrup Sponge & Custard

Or

Jacket Potato  
Filled with one of the following -

Cheese

Beans

Tuna

Cheese and Beans

Or

Ham Sandwich

Turkey Sandwich

Cheese Sandwich

Tuna Sandwich

If your child has a free school meal already, there is no need to do anything further, your child will receive a school meal as normal, if your child brings a packed lunch from home, we will provide them with a school meal that day to try. However, if you really do not wish your child to take part in the "taster" meal then please contact school by Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2022 .

If we do not hear from you then we will provide your child with their chosen taster option. The children can **still** eat their own packed lunches as well if they prefer, it is no problem at all!

We will take your child's menu choice in class and pass that directly to the kitchen staff, so you do not need to worry about letting us know your child's preference.

**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

