



St Stephen Churchtown Academy

Head of School: Miss L James

School Census Day Thursday 1st October 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

This Thursday, 1st October 2020, is National School Census Day, when the Department for Education (DfE) collects information about each school to help them plan for the future and, most importantly, the data is used to set future school budgets. One of the figures we must report is the number of Reception and Years 1 & 2 children who are having a Universal Infant Free School Meal (UIFSM) on this day.

The census data is then used to decide how much funding for the year we receive for our hot meals. This means that if your child does not have a meal on Thursday, we will not receive any further funding for the rest of the year. If your child chooses to have a meal on another day, we will have to fund this from our school budget.

We do not receive funding for the amount of hot meals we supply, only the number of meals eaten on the two census days in October and January each year.

Our solution to this problem is to ask every child in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 to try the hot meal on Census Day which is a full English breakfast. Your child will then be fully funded to have hot meals during the year thus saving the school any additional costs.

Thank you for your support.

Yours faithfully

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