

## Whitemoor Academy & Nursery

Head of School: Mrs G Hooper

## School Census Day Thursday 20th January 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2022, 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 next 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 'Rainbow Pizza (suitable for vegetarians), Rainbow Slaw and a Rainbow Cookie'. The other option would be a Jacket Potato.

To book the Rainbow Pizza option on Parent Pay, please select option 1 and for a Jacket Potato, please select option 3. Please note that if you have already booked option 2 for this day then please amend to either option 1 or option 3. Your child will then be fully funded to have hot meals during the year thus saving the school any additional costs.

We would like to encourage your child/children to try school dinners on this day. However, you are more than welcome to provide a packed lunch from home if needed. Thank you for your support.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs G Hooper Head of School

