



**Letter to Schools for Parents – 22.6.22.**

Dear Parent/Guardian,

**Phased rollout of Primary Free School Meals for the youngest children from September 2022 onwards**

From the new autumn term (Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2022) onwards all Reception children will be offered Free School Meals. From 1<sup>st</sup> January 2023 all Year 1 children will receive this offer and Year 2 children will receive the offer from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2023. We will be in further communication as the offer is rolled out. This is an important step in reaching the shared ambition of ensuring no child goes hungry while in school.

In response to the current rising cost-of-living, Welsh Government and Rhondda Cynon Taf CBC are committed to implementing this scheme quickly and would ask for your patience as we build catering capacity to ensure a successful phased implementation and work towards a whole school roll-out over the next three years.

In order for the council to prepare and cater for numbers, we would be very grateful if you would kindly complete the following and **return by Monday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2022** - <https://customerportal.rctcbc.gov.uk/freeschoolmealsurvey>

Please be rest assured that if your child is currently in receipt of free school meals and/or any other associated benefits, these will **not** be affected.

Kind regards

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