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Dear Parent or Guardian

Sign up for Universal Infant Free School Meals (UIFSM)

I am writing to let you know of the recent changes with regard to school meals which will affect your child. The Government has announced the 'Universal Infant Free School Meals' programme, under which all pupils in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will be eligible to receive a free school lunch.

A review into school food by the Department for Education found that pupils who ate a quality school lunch performed better academically than those who did not.

School meals will give your child a real appetite for learning and help them to achieve their full potential. There is nothing healthier for your child and your family's budget than free school meals. School meals in Tameside are healthy, tasty, social and fun. You can see the current school menu at www.tameside.gov.uk/schools/meals/menu. As professional and trained catering staff prepare the meals for your child, it saves you having to worry about the effort and cost of making packed lunches every day.

We need to plan for the increase in the numbers of children eating school lunches and we request that you confirm if you would like to take up the offer.

Please complete the enclosed form and return it to your child's school by 9th July 2014.

Yours sincerely

Elaine Todd
Assistant Executive Director

Consent form for Universal Infant Free School Meals: Please tick the appropriate statement(s)

- ☐ I intend to take up the offer of Universal Infant free school meals for my child from September 2014. I am not receiving normal Free School Meals for my child.
- ☐ I do not intend to take up the offer of Universal Infant free school meals for my child from September 2014.
- ☐ I am taking up the offer of Universal Infant free school meals and have other children in Key Stage 2 and will be putting them on paid school meals from September 2014.

Name of pupil(s) for UIFSM:..... Class(es).....

Name of pupil(s) in KS2 who will take up a paid meal in September.....

Name of parent:..... Date.....

Signature of parent:.....

If you are entitled to Free School Meals due to your circumstances, registering for free school meals could raise money for your child's school.

It is important that you register for free school meals as, in addition to receiving your free meal, the information you provide will be used to assess if your child should be on the pupil premium register. For each child on the pupil premium register their school could receive up to an extra £1300 from central government which will go directly to fund valuable support that schools need. Even if you don't want your child to receive their free meal we would encourage you to register so that your child's school receives as much funding as possible.

If you think you could be entitled to receive FREE SCHOOL MEALS (not Universal Infant Free School Meals), go to www.tameside.gov.uk/schools/meals for further information.