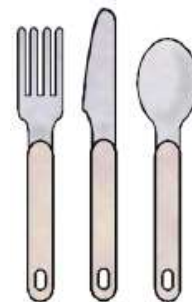


## Reception – School Meals

**Universal Free Meals:** The universal free school initiative whereby all pupils from Reception to Y2 receive a hot, nutritiously balanced meal each day continues in school this year. Even if your child is eligible for universal free school meals it still pays to apply for Free School Meals if you qualify as you will be entitled to additional benefits such as free school milk (see below for further information)



Mrs Dobson, our Cook, provides excellent nutritious school lunches every day and we do hope that you and your child choose this option. However, we do understand that some parents/carers would prefer to opt out and to provide their child with a healthy packed lunch. Whichever option you choose, the children will eat as a class in the school hall.

It would be helpful if you could return the attached reply slip to indicate your intention regarding school lunches for your child from September and also to let us know about any special dietary requirements our cook needs to be aware of.

In the meantime, I would ask those parents/carers that think they may be eligible to claim for free school meals to read the information below and make a claim as there are other benefits for both your child and the school.



### Nut Free Zone!

We are a NUT FREE zone so please support us by ensuring your child's packed lunch or snacks are 'nut free'. Please read the label on snack products as it is not always easy to spot that they may contain nuts – for instance granola and breakfast bars often contain nuts.

**Reception – why you should still apply for Free School Meals if you are eligible** - Since September 2014, all children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 have been eligible for free school meals under the Universal Free Meals scheme. If you are entitled to claim for FSM as detailed below, no matter what year group your child is in, it is important to our school that you register for this benefit. Where a child is entitled to and claims FSM we can register them for Pupil Premium funding – this is currently worth £1,300 a year per pupil for our school. Children entitled to FSM are also entitled to

- free milk at break-time for the time he/she is entitled to free school meals.
- help with curriculum related residential trips or school visits.

### Free School Meals

If you think your child may be entitled to Free School Meals, you can apply for this benefit online [www.northumberland.gov.uk/fsm](http://www.northumberland.gov.uk/fsm), over the telephone on FSM 01670 623592 or by completing a paper application form which is available from our school office or FSM office, NCC, County Hall, Morpeth NE61 2EF.

### To be eligible for help you need to be in one of the following categories:

- Receive Income Support(IS) or Income-based Job Seekers Allowance (IBJSA).
- Receive Income Related Employment Allowance (IREA).
- Have an entitlement to Child Tax Credit (CTC), but not Working Tax Credit (WTC) and the family's annual income (as assessed by the Inland Revenue) is not more than £16,190 for tax year 2012/2013 (this figure changes on an annual basis).
- Receive support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999.
- Receive the guarantee credit element of Pension Credit.

Yours sincerely

Miss J Ainsley  
Head Teacher

# Corbridge Church of England First School

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Child's Name (please print): .....

### 1. School Meal or Packed Lunch

I would like my child to (please tick the appropriate box)

a. Have a school meal provided each day

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b. Bring a packed lunch to school each day

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2. My child has a special dietary requirement and I have completed and enclosed the register of dietary requests.

Yes

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No

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Parent/Carer's Name (please print): .....

Parent/Carer's Signature: .....

Date: .....