



Please help us to access our full funding allowance on Census Day...

Thursday 19th May 2022

So, a reminder - what is the census?

It is a statutory data collection process for information about pupils and the educational provision offered by their school. You can view our privacy notice on the school website – <https://www.chilham.kent.sch.uk/statutory-information/gdpr.php> . The pupil information collected includes free school meal eligibility, ethnicity, special educational needs, attendance and exclusions. The School Census is collected on a termly basis with 3 collections per calendar year: Spring School Census in January, Summer School Census in May and Autumn School Census in October.

Why is the school asking for help?

Children in Years R, 1 & 2 are all entitled to receive a school lunch at no cost to parent. **The amount of funding we receive is determined by the number of children taking up the free meal on the specific census dates throughout the year. It is even more important we access full funding now, as the meal cost from September will exceed the amount of funding we receive.**

Accessing the full amount of funding available is vital to ensure that we can continue to provide the best education and learning environment for your children.

Last time we almost had a full uptake, so a massive thank you! It would be fantastic to be able to repeat that tomorrow.

You can help by ensuring that your child attends school tomorrow and has a school meal. You can also send in a packed lunch as a back-up if you are concerned that they will not eat the delicious lunch provided. We are very flexible!

There is no change to the published menu...



There will be small 'Lucky Star' prizes for children who find a GOLD STAR underneath their plate!