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Dyddiad/Date: 20th June 2022

Title: Phased rollout of Universal Primary Free School Meals (UPFSM) for the youngest children from September 2022 onwards.

Dear Parent/Guardian,

From the new Autumn term September 2022 onwards, all full-time Nursery and Reception children, will be offered Universal Primary Free School Meals. This offer will be extended to all Year 1 and Year 2 pupils by no later than April 2023. This roll out is an important step in reaching the shared ambition of ensuring no child goes hungry whilst in school.

We will be in contact to confirm a precise roll out date for Years 1 and 2 in due course but can confirm **all full-time Nursery and all Reception pupils are able to access a free school meal from September 2022.**

In response to the current rising cost-of-living, Welsh Government and Merthyr Tydfil County Borough Council (MTCBC) 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 to include Years 3 – 6 by September 2024.

We will be in touch before the end of term to provide further information regarding the roll out from September 2022. At this time, we may request further information from you if you have children who will be starting full-time Nursery or Reception in September e.g. special dietary requirements.

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

If you have any queries in the meantime, please contact myschoollunch@merthyr.gov.uk

Kind regards

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