

# Willow Dene School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

As you may be aware the Mayor of London has committed to ensuring all primary age children have access to a free hot meal at school from September 2023. As with infant universal school meals this entitlement is for everyone, regardless of circumstances. We welcome this decision and hope that you will all take advantage of this opportunity.

We are currently working with Chartwells, our meal providers to prepare for the increased uptake of hot school meals. In order to plan effectively, we would like to gain an idea of how many additional meals will be taken in September 2023. If your child is currently in reception or Key Stage One, nothing will change, and as children move from year 2 to year 3, current meal arrangements will continue. If your child is in our current years 3, 4, or 5 we ask that you complete the attached link for each eligible child, indicating if you intend to take up the offer of a free hot meal in September 2023.

<https://forms.office.com/e/6vCvJP3YPH>

You will receive further information in the summer term and Chartwells plan to offer some tasting and information sessions in our school. If in the meantime you wish to find out more, you will find our school meal menus on our website.

Chartwells work closely with us to design menus for restricted diets, children who only eat particular textures, blended diets or texture modified, that are both nutritious and tasty. We do hope that all our children take up the opportunity to have a free hot lunch in the autumn term.

Yours sincerely

Rachel Harrison  
Head Teacher