

Give your children a healthy start in life with ... **FREE school meals**

Dear Parent or Carer

The Government has announced that from September 2014, all reception, Year 1 and Year 2 school pupils in England will be eligible for free school meals. This is to encourage a balanced diet from an early age and help children be as healthy as possible.

Evidence shows that providing free school meals:

- leads to positive improvements in health and academic attainment;
- helps families with the cost of living;
- provides up to 3 out of 5 of your child's 5-a-day portions of fruit and vegetables;
- helps children learn to communicate and interact with each other;
- aids concentration during lessons;
- is a great way to create an interest in food as well as introduce new foods to your child.

We hope that all parents of infant children will opt to take advantage of free school meals in September, but you can make your own arrangements if you prefer.

To help us with planning our meals service we need to know how many children are likely to stay for lunch from September 2014. If you have a child starting in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2 at this time please complete the tear off slip below and return it to the school office. If you have older children at this school they won't be entitled to a free meal but please include their details too.

To find out more about primary school meals in Bury and view a current menu go to www.bury.gov.uk/primarymenu. If your child requires a special medical diet please contact the school office to discuss how this can be accommodated.

Yours faithfully

Mrs C Reynolds



Free school meals for infants return slip

Please complete this return slip for **ALL** your children attending Unsworth Primary School and return it to the school office by **Friday 13th June**.

Child's full name	Year group in September 2014				School meal required?	
	Reception	Year 1	Years 2	Other	Yes	No

_____ Signed (parent/carer)