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

Dear Parent/Guardian,

From the new Autumn term onwards all Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children will be offered Free School Meals. This is an important step in reaching the shared ambition of ensuring no child goes hungry while in school.

In response to the current rising cost-of-living, Welsh Government and Torfaen County Borough Council 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 over the next three years.

Torfaen County Borough Council are working with the Welsh Government to develop a process for you to be able to request a free meal for your child/children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 from September, trying to avoid any unnecessary burden for you. Further information will follow by the end of term.

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

Kind regards

Universal Primary Free School Meal (UPFSM) Project Team Catering & Cleaning Neighbourhood Services

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