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Dear Parent/Guardian,

From the new autumn term, 1st September 2022 onwards, **all Reception children will be offered free school meals.** This is an important step in reaching the shared ambition of ensuring that no child goes hungry while in school.

In response to the current rising cost-of-living, Welsh Government and Wrexham 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 primary school roll-out over the next three years. We hope to be able to extend the offer to pupils in Year 1 and Year 2 by April 2023; however, this will be confirmed in due course.

Schools in Wrexham County Borough Council use the Parent Pay system, which allows parents to pre-order lunches for their child(ren). Whilst all children in Reception will be entitled to a free school meal, the meal will need to be pre-ordered via this system. Further information on the Parent Pay system and meal booking process will follow.

We would like to remind you that Welsh Government allocate the Pupil Development Grant funding based on income-based eligibility to free school meals. Whilst the intention is to have a universal offer of free school meals to all primary aged pupils within the next three years, **it is very important that parents who are in receipt of eligible benefits and support payments make an application to the Local Authority if they have not previously done so.** Making this application will allow eligible parents to access the monies to help towards the costs of your child's school uniform and equipment, and will also ensure that our school receives the correct amount of funding from Welsh Government. Only families who receive the applicable benefits and support payments will be able to access this funding, and you will need to have made an application for free school meals first. Please rest assured that if your child is currently in receipt of free school meals and/or any other associated benefits, in all primary school years, these will not be affected. You only need to make a new application for free school meals if you receive one of the eligible benefits and support payments, and have not made an application for your child previously. In most cases, this will be the parents of children who are about to move into Reception.

The criteria and application form for free school meals outside of the 'universal offer' can be found online at https://www.wrexham.gov.uk/service/school-meals/free-school-meals. Remember, you only need to make a new application for your child if you receive one of the listed benefits or support payments, and have not made an application previously.

The application form for the Pupil Development Grant, which helps eligible parents with the costs of a child's school uniform and equipment, can be found here https://www.wrexham.gov.uk/service/pupil-development-grant-pdg

Kind regards,

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Annwyl Riant/Gwarcheidwad,

O dymor newydd yr Hydref ymlaen bydd pob plentyn yn nosbarth Derbyn yn cael cynnig prydau ysgol am ddim. Mae hwn yn gam pwysig tuag at gyrraedd yr uchelgais o sicrhau nad oes unrhyw blentyn yn mynd yn llwglyd tra yn yr ysgol.

Mewn ymateb i'r cynnydd ddiweddar yn y gost-o-fyw, mae Llywodraeth Cymru a Cyngor Bwrdeistref Sirol Wrecsam wedi ymrwymo i weithredu'r cynllun hwn yn gyflym a byddem yn gofyn am eich amynedd wrth i ni feithrin y gallu i sicrhau gweithrediad graddol llwyddiannus a gweithio tuag at gyflwyno'r ysgol gyfan yn raddol dros y tair blynedd nesaf.

Gobeithiwn ehangu'r cynnig i ddisgyblion ym Mlwyddyn 1 a Blwyddyn 2 erbyn Ebrill 2023; fodd bynnag, bydd hyn yn cael ei gadarnhau yn fuan.

Mae ysgolion yng Nghyngor Bwrdeistref Sirol Wrecsam yn defnyddio'r system Parent Pay, sy'n galluogi rhieni i archebu cinio ar gyfer eu plentyn/plant ymlaen llaw. Er y bydd holl blant yn y dosbarth Derbyn yn gallu hawlio prydau ysgol am ddim, bydd angen archebu'r pryd ymlaen llaw drwy'r system hon. Bydd rhagor o wybodaeth ar y system Parent Pay a'r broses archebu pryd i ddilyn.

Hoffem eich atgoffa fod Llywodraeth yn dyrannu'r cyllid Grant Datblygu Disgyblion yn seiliedig ar gymhwysedd i brydau ysgol am ddim ar sail incwm. Er mai'r bwriad yw cael cynnig cynhwysol o brydau ysgol am ddim i holl ddisgyblion ysgol gynradd o fewn y tair blynedd nesaf, **mae'n hynod o bwysig fod rhieni sydd â hawl i fudd-daliadau a thaliadau cymorth yn gwneud cais i'r Awdurdod Lleol os nad ydynt wedi gwneud hynny eisoes.** Bydd gwneud y cais hwn yn caniatáu i rieni cymwys gael mynediad at arian i'w helpu tuag at gostau gwisg ysgol ac offer eu plant, a bydd hefyd yn sicrhau fod ein hysgol yn derbyn y swm cywir o gyllid gan Lywodraeth Cymru. Dim ond y teuluoedd sy'n derbyn y budd-daliadau a thaliadau cymorth cymwys a all gael mynediad at y cyllid hwn, a bydd angen i chi wneud cais am brydau ysgol am ddim yn gyntaf. Sicrhewch os yw eich plentyn yn derbyn prydau ysgol am ddim ar hyn o bryd a/neu unrhyw fudd-daliadau eraill cysylltiedig, mewn unrhyw flwyddyn ysgol gynradd, ni chaiff y rhain eu heffeithio. Rydych ond angen gwneud cais newydd ar gyfer prydau ysgol am ddim os ydych yn derbyn un o'r budd-daliadau a thaliadau cymorth cymwys, a heb wneud cais ar gyfer eich plentyn yn flaenorol. Ym mwyafrif yr achosion, dyma rieni plant sydd ar fin symud i ddosbarth Derbyn.

Mae'r meini prawf a'r ffurflen gais am brydau ysgol am ddim tu allan i'r 'cynnig cynhwysol' ar-lein ar https://www.wrecsam.gov.uk/service/prydau-ysgol/prydauysgolamddim . Cofiwch, rydych ond angen gwneud cais newydd ar gyfer prydau ysgol am ddim os ydych yn derbyn un o'r budd-daliadau a thaliadau cymorth cymwys, a heb wneud cais ar gyfer eich plentyn yn flaenorol.

Gellid dod o hyd i'r ffurflen gais ar gyfer y Grant Datblygu Disgyblion, sy'n helpu rhieni cymwys gyda chostau gwisg ysgol ac offer plant, yma https://www.wrecsam.gov.uk/service/grant-datblygu-disgyblion.

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