

Your child will either be in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2 from September 2014 and as recently announced by the government from September 2014 all pupils in these year groups will be able to receive a school meal at no cost to the parent/guardian\*.

School meals are healthy, tasty, social and fun and from September 2014 choosing a school lunch for your child/children will help save you up to £400 per year if you take up the offer.

In North Yorkshire we anticipate that this will be a popular offer with children and guardians.

To help us plan and ensure we are able to deliver a high quality school meal to every eligible child in September and in the future, please complete the form overleaf and return to school as soon as possible.

All school meals are prepared to a very high standard. A freshly prepared two course meal will be offered every day with meat and vegetarian options available.

All food served in school will be nutritionally balanced based on the government's nutritional guidelines to ensure that children can work better in the afternoons.

Children who have a dietary requirement may also be catered for including religious, cultural or allergy and/or intolerance diets. Please contact school if your child requires a special diet or ask to speak to the school cook directly.

The current school menu may be viewed on your school's website or on the County Council's website, under "Education and Learning" – "Schools Information"

#### Can my child still bring a packed lunch?

Yes they can, but we would encourage them to try a school lunch. This will give them a varied and balanced diet and save you time and money.

To help ensure that the school plan for the increase in children having a school lunch from September 2014, please provide the details requested on the form below and return to school.

\*NB: A cash alternative is not available for those pupils not taking a school lunch from September 2014