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Free primary school meals to be rolled out ahead of schedule for pupils in years 1 and 2

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Neath Port Talbot Council has announced that it is rolling out free school meals to nearly 3000 primary pupils in years 1 and 2 ahead of schedule.

All children in years 1 and 2 will now receive Universal Primary free school meals from Monday 7th November (after October half-term).

The roll-out is a part of the Welsh Government's commitment for every primary school pupil to receive a free school meal by 2024. 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 Neath Port Talbot 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.

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

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