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Milk Scheme

Some parents have asked for clarification regarding school milk. In order to assist, I have attached below an extract from the DFE website detailing the requirements of our school.

Milk:

Currently there is no statutory requirement for milk to be provided in schools; it is for governing bodies to decide whether to provide milk to pupils. Where milk is provided it must be free to children who are eligible for free school meals. Charges can be made for all other pupils.

From September 2014 all infant school pupils will be entitled to a free school lunch. Where milk is provided as part of this lunch it must be provided free.

From 1 January 2015 revised school food standards come into force which apply to maintained schools, academies set up prior to 2010 and new academies and free schools. Under these revised standards, schools that provide food and drink on the premises must ensure that lower fat or lactose reduced milk is available to those children who want it at least once a day during school hours. As now, it must be offered free of charge to those pupils entitled to free school meals and charges can be made for all other pupils.

To assist with the cost of providing milk schools can take part in the EU School Milk Subsidy Scheme. There is also the Nursery Milk Scheme, operated by the Department of Health, which provides free milk to children under the age of 5 at participating schools and childcare settings.

By complying with the food standard regulations, pupils' dietary requirements are being fulfilled through the school meal provided and as a result, milk does not need to be offered throughout the school day. It can however be purchased through an independent milk supplier and details of these can be requested from the school office.

Should you have any queries please do not hesitate in contacting me.

Yours Sincerely

Karin Baker
Head Teacher

