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Dear Parent/Carer,

The way in which we order and provide milk at school is changing. Please see the below information from School Milk UK, which explains this in more detail.

Due to a change in Government legislation, children in Reception Class will no longer receive free school milk for the whole of their first year at school. The new legislation allows children to receive free milk up until the term before their 5<sup>th</sup> Birthday after which funding stops. If parents/carers wish their child to continue to receive milk after that Term, then they must carry the cost.

**Milk for the under-fives is free until the beginning of the term in which the child turns five.** Oakworth will continue to provide milk to Reception children who turn 5 in the autumn term up until Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> October (half term), then if you wish to continue with this, payment will be required.

Our school milk provider is Fresh Pastures School Milk UK Ltd and the process of ordering and paying for milk is quick and easy and you can pay for each term (3 times a year) or for the full academic year to September.

If you would like your child to enjoy milk at school, you must register on-line at [www.schoolmilkuk.co.uk](http://www.schoolmilkuk.co.uk). Once you have registered, there is no need to register again.

**Please note that you should only register if you pay for your child's milk, if you are in receipt of benefits which qualify your child for free school meals (but not Universal Free School Meals),** they will automatically receive free school milk regardless of their age, so please speak to the school office if you wish your child to receive this.

If you believe your child may qualify for Pupil Premium but have not yet applied, you can do so via the Government website: [www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals.co.uk](http://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals.co.uk)

If you choose to opt into this scheme, your child will receive a 189ml carton of fresh chilled semi-skimmed milk each school day, to drink mid-morning. The cost of this milk is 21p per day x the amount of school days in each of our school terms, payable in advance for the following full term or you can pay for a full academic year. The leaflet accompanying this note 'How to order and pay for your child's school milk' explains in detail how to register and order milk, but it is a simple process, simply log on to the website, [www.schoolmilkuk.co.uk](http://www.schoolmilkuk.co.uk) and select the pink tab titled Parent, click on register and then it is simply a case of filling in the relevant boxes with your details.

If you have any questions regarding this scheme or would like help registering please ask at the school office.

Kind regards

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