**Meal Numbers**

1. Numbers less in Sept due to delayed start for FS2, didn’t start school until 21st Sept, usually start at beginning of term
2. Delayed uptake of meals as the online booking system was not up and running at start of term
3. Although pupil numbers were expected to remain largely in-line with last year we anticipated a drop in UIFSM as the number of children in FS2 are less, this was pointed out in the information. Expected a drop in UIFSM of 25 children, due to falling roles. Therefore a drop in meal numbers would have been expected by Harrison at bid stage as a large number of the meals are in FS2 and KS1 under UIFSM
4. Pupil numbers have dropped by 10 between Oct 2019 census and Oct 2020 Census, a drop of 2.04%. We had expected overall numbers across school to rise slightly as last year there were only 47 children in year 6 who left and new FS2 class is around 60, so net change is a small increase. However this did not happen. Therefore percentage drop in role compared to estimated figures is (500-479/500) 4.2%
5. School has not been closed
6. Up to end of Oct one class of 25 has been out for 8 school days due to covid self-isolation, this was a year 5 class with on average 6-8 meals a day.
7. Equipment has been installed and service has not been effected except by small delay in online ordering for first week of term.
8. Looking at Oct Meal take up and comparing with last years actual October meal numbers

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|  | **Free Pupil Meals** | **Paid Pupil Meals** |
| Oct 2020 – Harrison 17 trading days | 2295 | 1003 |
| Invoice for Oct 2019 was for 25 trading days | 4030 | 2165 |
| Oct 2019 recalculating to 17 trading days for comparison | 2740 | 1472 |
| Difference in Meal numbers 2019-2020 | 445 | 469 |
| **Number of meals a day diff** | **26.18** | **27.59** |

Reduction in Pupil Free Meals is in-line with that expected based on the falling FS2 and KS1 numbers as described in the bid information of approximately 25 less pupils.

Reduction in Paid meals – Variety of potential reasons. There are 10 pupils less in school, One year 5 class was not in for 8 days (6-8 meals a day), other illness’s, lower take up due to online ordering not available immediately, lack of ability to advertise – invite in for tasting etc, reluctance of parents to let pupils have school meals due to covid.

1. Year 1 is out for 9 days in Nov due to self-isolation, around 40-50 meals a day.
2. The impact on meal numbers is partly due to the known reduction in pupil numbers in FS2 impacting UIFSM and partly due to Covid.
3. Solutions – Number of staff required currently and ongoing during Covid? Can they be furloughed on furlough scheme by Harrison until March or until numbers pick up, there are no covid cases?