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CHILD & YOUTH EDUCATION SERVICES

BUILDING 41, SCHOOL AGE CARE

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Dear Sponsor, June 2020

Welcome to the NEX Free and Reduced Meal Program!

NEXCOM or Navy Exchange Command provides meals to PK-12 students on Navy bases in 8 OCONUS locations: Guantanamo Bay, Naples, Sigonella, Rota, Bahrain, Yokosuka/Ikego and Sasebo/Hario.

To see if your family qualifies for the Free and Reduced Meal (FARM) program, fill out the attached application and submit it along with a current LES to your School Liaison Officer located in building 41 (School Age Center) or your school's secretary. Ensure that your LES has the correct number of dependents listed on it or be prepared to present a copy of your orders listing your dependents and bringing them to Rota.

Please allow 10 business day for processing and notification letter to be sent to your email address. If you have completed an application for previous years, a new application is required each year.

The price for school lunches at all Department of Defense Education Activity (DoDEA) schools outside the continental United States (OCONUS) managed by the Navy Exchange Service Command (NEXCOM) will increase \$0.25 for the 2020-21 school year.

The lunch price for elementary and secondary students' meals will be \$3 and \$3.25 respectively. Per federal guidelines, families qualifying for the Free and Reduced Meal Program will still pay \$.40 per meal.

Your child(ren) must also be enrolled in the Student Meal Program (SMP). Please ensure you fill out a Student Meal Program Enrollment Form and submit it to the NEX Customer Service Desk here in Rota. Pre-payments to your child's meal account can be made free of charge at www.mypaymentsplus.com. This portal allows you to make payments 24/7 from the comfort of your own home or smart phone. Pre-payments can be made with credit cards, debit cards, or e-checks. My payment's Plus also provides payment confirmations, low balance alerts, transaction history of student purchases.

Each month, menus are posted at www.mynavyexchange.com/smp. The SMP offers meals, on a break-even basis, in accordance with USDA nutrition standards. Whole grains, lean proteins, fresh fruits and vegetables, and low-fat milk are offered on a daily basis.

For information about the FARM process, please contact your SLO at 727-2425 or <u>SLORota@eu.navy.mil</u>. For questions about the SMP, please contact the NEX Customer Service Desk.