

Wednesday 21st September 2022

School meals: Important information and price increase

Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope your child has settled in to this new academic year.

Our food is appetising, ethically-sourced, and freshly cooked on site in our excellent kitchens, with menus that meet the government's nutritional standards and contribute to the health and education of children and young people. We have tried to keep the costs of our school meals as low as possible, with increasing fuel bills we have found it necessary to slightly increase some of our prices. The "main meal" of a meal, snack and drink has gone up from £3.15 to **£3.25**, and there are many other options for your child to choose from.

Paying for school meals on ParentPay

You must ensure that you have credit in your ParentPay account for your child to be able to access food. If there is not enough credit in your account the school will no longer be able to provide a hot meal for your child and you will be required to provide a packed lunch until your account is back in credit.

Free school meals – please apply, you may be eligible

You may be eligible for Free School Meals. It costs nothing to apply but could save you £633 a year, and the school also receives extra funding for your child's education.

To be eligible for Free School Meals the parent or carer must receive one of the following:

- Universal Credit with an annual net earned income of **no more than £7,400 (£616.67 per month)**
- Child Tax Credit only (**with no Working Tax Credit**) with an annual gross income of no more than £16,190.
- **Working Tax Credit is a disqualifying benefit regardless of your household income – this means that you would not be entitled to free school meals while in receipt of Working Tax Credit**
- Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for the four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)
- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guarantee element of Pension Credit

Please complete and return Free School Meal/Pupil Premium Application Form to the school office as soon as possible to check your entitlement. You can find the form [here](#) or at <https://bit.ly/fsmapply>

Your Child may be eligible for free school meals (FSM) if your family has No Recourse to Public Funds subject to immigration status and maximum income thresholds:

- You will need to complete and sign a self-declaration form confirming your immigration category and that you are not above the relevant maximum income threshold. You may also be required to provide evidence to the school of both these points.

You can find out more about applying for Free School Meals if you are a family with No Recourse to Public Funds [here](#) or by going to <https://bit.ly/norecourse>

If you need help filling out the form please come to the school office.

Formu doldurmak için yardıma ihtiyacınız olursa lütfen okul ofisine gelin.

Kind regards,

School Meals Choice for September 2022
(Please return to the school office by Friday 23rd September 2022)

Child's Name: Class:

From 26th September 2022 I have decided my child will (tick as appropriate):

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Bring a healthy packed lunch which I will provide,

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Have a school meal which I will pay for via Arbor. I understand I always need to be in credit and the consequences of being in debt.

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Have a school meal which will be covered by my entitlement to FSM. I understand that if I am not eligible I will need to pay for my child's school meal. (Please ensure the form is completed to find out if you are eligible).

Parent Name:

Parent Signature: Date: