



School Dinners and Free School Meals

Dear Parents,

School dinners are available every day and are made on site by Leicestershire School Food Support Service. Every morning, when the class register is taken, the children are asked if they will be having a packed lunch or a school dinner.

Since September 2014, the government has funded free school meals for all children from Foundation Stage to Year 2. These are known as Universal Infant Free School Meals (UIFSM) It is the parent's choice whether or not they would like their child to have a school dinner. You can still send your child with a packed lunch if you prefer.

If your child is in Year 3 to Year 6, school dinners will need to be paid for and currently cost £2.45 (price increase expected September 2023).

Payment for school meals (and other school activities) is made using an online facility called ParentPay. The school no longer accepts cash and cheque payments due to administrative costs and efficiencies from using online methods.

You will be issued with a unique username and password for ParentPay during your child's first week at school. **Please complete your registration for ParentPay as soon as possible as you will also need to use this to pay for other visits and activities.**

IMPORTANT - Free School Meals – personal income based

Free school meals are also provided to families on low income. If you think that this may apply to you, **you should still apply** for the income based free school meals.

This is because children that have free school meals due to low family income will be entitled to additional help, which can be used for your child to attend school visits, residential visits, school uniform, music lessons, support with their learning and other activities.

Please see the free school meals flyer and application form included in your welcome pack. It is important that you complete the form if you have low income as the school can claim additional funding (Pupil Premium) for your child.

If you have any further queries, please speak to the school office or School Business Manager.