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Changes to catering and Free School Meals

Free School Meals

National changes to Free School Meals (FSM) eligibility have taken place. One of the biggest updates is that families receiving Universal Credit may now qualify for FSM even if your income is above £7.400 per year.

Children in Foundation, Year 1 and Year 2 will continue to receive FSM automatically.

Checking your eligibility for FSM also checks your child's eligibility to receive pupil premium funding that supports your child's school. So even if your child is in Foundation, Year 1 or Year 2, it is important you still apply if you think you may be entitled.

Applications for FSM can currently be made through Nottinghamshire County Council's Citizen Portal by following [Free School Meals](#).

Catering in School

From September we will have a new catering supplier, Aspens. Although the kitchen staff will remain the same, we will have new food, menus and systems.

Aspens comply with the Food Information Regulation 2014 which states that allergen information must be provided for all food prepared and sold, and as such will provide a meal for your child if they have a special dietary requirement.

Unfortunately as a new provider, **ALL ALLEGEN INFORMATION NEEDS TO BE RESUBMITTED** for your child receive allergen appropriate menu.

If your child does have a special dietary requirement please complete and return the attached form as soon as possible. **(Please ask the office to send a hard copy home if required).**

If your child has a food allergy resulting in a severe reaction/anaphylactic shock, please speak to the school office so that Aspens can get in contact directly to discuss a suitable menu. If this allergy is to one of the known 14 allergens (celery, cereals containing gluten, crustaceans, egg, fish, lupin, milk, molluscs, mustard, peanuts, sesame, soybeans, sulphur dioxide, tree nuts.) then your child can be fed from our allergy aware menu until they have agreed a suitable menu with you.

If your child has multiple allergies or is allergic to other foods such as tomatoes, please could you provide a packed lunch for them until Aspens have met with you to agree a suitable menu.

For those children with intolerance and lifestyle choices, please follow our usual ordering system and select from the daily menu.