

# **School Meals**

At Bradley Green Primary Academy, we use Mellors to provide our school meal service. Cooked meals, including a vegetarian option, are prepared daily in our kitchen and children are offered a choice of main courses and desserts. Salads and fruit are always available. Mellors provide food which meets national Food Standards criteria.

The cost of a school meal is £2.10 per day (£10.50 per week). All school meals can now be paid for via our Parentpay system. We are happy to accept payment for the week, month, half term or term. We prefer one weeks' notice to change lunch arrangements.

## **Universal Infant Free School Meals**

Free school meals are available to ALL children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. These are known as "Universal Infant Free School Meals". A packed lunch will also be provided under this scheme when your child attends a school trip.

## **Free School Meals**

Free school meals are also available to some older children according to family income.

**It's important to register for entitlement to free school meals, even if your child has a packed lunch or is in a younger class – this is so we can receive additional funding (called the pupil premium) which we can use to help your child.**

Free school meals are offered to children of families who are on low income in receipt of Universal Credit, Employment and Support Allowance (Income Related), Income Support, Job Seekers Allowance (Income based) or Guaranteed Element of State Pension Credit. They are also offered to children of families who are in receipt of Child Tax Credit only, but who are not entitled to Working Tax Credit, and whose annual income (as assessed by the Inland Revenue) does not exceed £16,190.00. If you are in receipt of Child Tax Credit, you will need to attend one of the Council's Customer Service Centre's and present your Child Tax Credit award notice.

To find out if your child qualifies for free school meals, and for any help or advice, please contact Tameside Benefits Service on 0161 342 8355 or for more information click on the following link:

<http://www.tameside.gov.uk/fsm>