## | Food in School

Cockermouth School has a 'Healthy School' ethos and we strongly believe in encouraging all young people to eat a balanced diet. We work closely with our catering team, to meet the standards set by the Department for Education.

We have a Sixth Form canteen, which is available from breaktime through to after lunch. We offer a range of hot meals, sandwiches, salads, cake and fruit. Students may also use the main canteen if they wish. Some students choose to go to town for their lunch.

We now have students in school who have a severe, potentially life-threatening, nut allergy. Therefore, we would appreciate your support in ensuring that your child does not bring any product into school that contains nuts, and that they don't consume foods containing nuts while travelling on school transport.

## **FOOD ALLERGIES**

In order for our catering staff to provide the best possible service for our students, we are required to collect information on food allergies. If your child does have a medically diagnosed allergy to any foodstuff, please complete the relevant section on the Student Details/Medical Information form and our catering manager will contact you in due course. It may be necessary for catering staff to display a Food Allergy Record and photo on the kitchen servery wall if applicable – every care will be taken to ensure that personal and sensitive data will not be displayed in public areas.

## iPay

## What is iPay?

iPay is an advanced Cashless Payment Platform for schools; it allows parents to make secure online payments for lunch money, school equipment, trips and other related activities. iPay also allows parents to monitor their child's canteen purchases. It is important that parents/carers access iPay (via the App or website), as this is how they will be able to add funds to their child's account.

Details on setting up an iPay account will be sent to parents/carers as soon as possible after the start of the new school year. Students will be asked to bring cash into school for the first few days but by September we will require all families to have access to this online payment system.