



Dear Parents/Carers

Changes to school dinner bookings – September 2024

We are writing to make you aware that from September 2024 there will be a slight change to the process for booking school lunches. Unfortunately this academic year we have had to chase up a large amount of parent debts in school dinner money, some of which is still outstanding. As you can understand the costs of staffing, running a kitchen and food are all ever-increasing and whilst our absolute priority is to provide pupils with high quality lunches we must ensure that children not eligible for free school meals do pay to offset these costs.

From September 2024 any children not eligible for free school meals must have a positive credit balance on their account to be able to book lunches. We understand there may be exceptional circumstances where this isn't possible so would always encourage parents to speak to us first if this is the case but as a general rule you will need to credit your account before booking any lunches.

As a reminder - Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 pupils are entitled to universal free school meals, paid for by the government.

Children going from Year 2 into Year 3 who are not pupil premium will be charged for school meals from September 2023.

Some nursery, year 3, 4, 5 & 6 children who are pupil premium may be eligible for free school meals depending on their parents' financial circumstances and any benefits they are entitled to. We would encourage all parents to fill out an eligibility form as this will pick up any change in circumstances throughout your child's time at the school.

Please ensure that by 31st July 2024 that your child's MCAS is full cleared of any outstanding payments (School dinners, breakfast club & afterschool club balances).

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Patterson
Executive Principal