

# St Bart's Quick Guide To: School Meals



## Our school lunches are provided by Catering Leeds.

All the meals provided are nutritious and meet the national food standards.

WE WOULD LIKE ALL CHILDREN TO HAVE A SCHOOL MEAL ESPECIALLY THOSE WHO ARE ENTITLED TO A FREE SCHOOL MEAL. IT WILL HELP PARENTS IN THESE PARTICULARLY CHALLENGING FINANCIAL TIMES.

### Free School Meals

All children in reception to year 2 are entitled to universal free school meals. These are provided by the government to ensure all children in those years have access to a hot, healthy school meal.

Children in years 3 to 6 and those who have a full day place in nursery may be entitled to benefits related free school meals. If you need help with this Mrs Busby in the office will be able to offer guidance.

### Paid School Meals

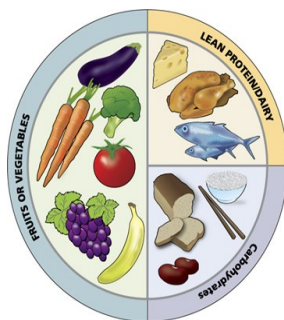
You can pay for your child to have a paid school meal.

It is £11 per week for KS2, £10.50 for nursery and is to be paid on a Monday. This can be via Parent Pay, by card at the office or by cash.

We will not be accepting cash from January 2025 as we move to be a cashless school.

The school subsidises the cost of paid meals to keep the cost as low as possible for you so as many children as possible can have a hot, nutritious meal.

Unless there is a special day we expect children to have school meals for a full week.



### The Menu

We have a three week menu cycle which is changed half way through the year. All the menus can be seen on our website or you can ask to see them at the office. This will allow you to help your children chose their meal if they need support.

### Special Diets

If your child has a medical condition or allergies the catering team can prepare a special menu to meet their needs. Please just ask at the office for information on how to arrange this.

### Themed Days

There are days through out the year when we offer a themed menu. On these days children who usually have packed lunches can have a meal for that one day that week. This is available to both paid and free meals and can be paid for on the Monday of that week. The cost is £2.20 KS2 and 32.10 for nursery This is a good opportunity for children who usually have packed lunches to try school meals.

Look out for details on our weekly newsletters.

### Halal

We serve Halal to children if required. This is served on days when it is appropriate. Halal meals must be ordered by parents and children must have that choice each day it is served. If you would like further information or wish to order this for your child please complete the form or ask at the office after this. If your child has Halal and you would like to cancel this you must inform the office.

### Water

We provide fresh drinking water for children who have school meals. All children are encouraged to have a drink with their meal.

### Dining Hall

Children in nursery eat within the nursery setting.

All children from reception to year 6 eat in our main corridor at special dinning tables. Lunches are staggered and children sit in class groups.

We encourage good habits and ask all children to use a knife and fork when suitable.

The children talk quietly with others at their tables.



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Here are some pictures of some of the meals we provide.



One of our pasta meals with vegetables and lots of salad from our daily salad bar.



We offer a cold option if children want a change.



One of our delicious hot meals, this has a Halal option too.



Jacket potatoes are a tasty, filling option.



Fish bites are popular, so are the days we have fish fingers.



We offer great hot options.