

27 August 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are writing to inform you about our new school dinner ordering system, which will be in place from the start of the Autumn term.

To help us reduce food waste and ensure that all children receive their preferred meal choice, **all school dinners must now be ordered in advance through MCAS (My Child At School).**

Parents and carers will be able to select and order their child's meals directly within the MCAS app via the dinner tile on or by clicking 'More' on the Dinner Detail tile on desktop version. Guidance is at the end of this letter.

You will need to click on a food item to open the menu for that day, make your choices and click 'Select' button. If you make a mistake or want to change your selection, simply click on the menu for the day and the options will appear again.

Dinner Detail recent meals More		
Date	Meal Details	Cost
24/07/2026	School Meal	£3.16
23/07/2026	School Meal	£3.16
22/07/2026	Packed Lunch	£0.00
21/07/2026	School Meal	£3.16
20/07/2026	School Meal	£3.16

Monday 07/09/2026	Tuesday 08/09/2026	Wednesday 09/09/2026
Menu Name: Main Menu Autumn term Opt 1: Cheese and Tomato Pizza Slice with Wedges or BBQ Pinwheels with Wedges or Jacket Potato - (KS2 pupils only) or Pasta Twirler Opt 2: Sweetcorn or Salad Opt 3: Watermelon Wedge or Yogurt or Cut Fruit	Menu Name: Main Menu Autumn term Opt 1: Beef Bolognese Pasta with Garlic Bread or Veggie Pasta Bolognese with Garlic Bread or Jacket Potato - (KS2 pupils only) or Pasta Twirler Opt 3: Orange Jelly or Yogurt or Cut Fruit Set Items: Mixed Salad	Menu Name: Main Menu Autumn term Opt 1: Roast Gammon, Skin on Roasties & Gravy or Cauliflower & Broccoli Cheese Bake or Jacket Potato - (KS2 pupils only) or Pasta Twirler Opt 2: Salad or Carrots and Cabbage Opt 3: Chocolate & Pear Upside Down Cake or Yogurt or Cut Fruit

Please note: KS1 pupils do not have the option of ordering a jacket potato.

How the system works

- School meals must be ordered through **MCAS**.
- The cost of a school meal is **£2.80 per day**.
- Your child's **dinner account must be in credit before an order can be placed**, with the exception of children eligible for Free School Meals and KS1 pupils.
- Please ensure sufficient funds are added to your child's dinner account **in advance** to avoid any disruption to meal orders.
- Meals should be ordered by 9.00am on the day that your child will be staying for a school meal - if your child is going to be late and requires a school meal you must still ensure you have ordered the meal before 9.00am.

Benefits of the new system

- Allows children to receive their preferred meal choice.
- Reduced cost to parents
- Order ahead for a week
- Reduces food waste by enabling accurate meal planning.
- Improves efficiency in the school kitchen.
- Provides parents with greater visibility and control over meal selections.

Please note, if your child is due to start in Reception you will receive your MCAS login details once your child has attended their first session in school – this will be via an email with an activation link.

We would request that parents check that the dinner menus are visible on their child's MCAS accounts before pupils return to school on Thursday 3 September, if you are unable to view the menus please email the school office.

If you have not yet accessed your MCAS account or require any assistance with ordering meals, please contact the school office, who will be happy to help.

Further information on school meals can be found on the school website -<https://thelanes.school/school-dinner-menu-free-school-meals>

Thank you for your support as we introduce this new system. We are confident that it will provide a smoother and more efficient experience for pupils, parents, and staff.

Kind regards

School Office

PARENT GUIDE TO USING DINNER MENU FEATURE ON MCAS

Please Note: Where parents of **Pre-Admission Students** have been added to **MCAS** in advance of the **Student's** enrolment date, it will not be possible for the parents to book **Dinners** until the **Student** is actively enrolled at the school.

Desktop view

Once the **Dinner Menus** have been created click **Dinner** on the left hand vertical menu

The screenshot displays the MCAS Desktop Dashboard for Peter Addison at Bromcom Primary School. The left-hand vertical menu is highlighted, with the 'Dinners' option selected and enclosed in a red box. The main content area shows a 'Dashboard' section with a table of tasks. The tasks are as follows:

Date	Task	Due Date
12/01/26	Look up baking recipes for next lesson	Tomorrow
19/01/26	Carry out web research as given in the lesson	31/01/26 (8 days)
19/01/26	Look at the task on the website to be finished for next lesson	31/01/26 (8 days)
19/01/26	Look up baking recipes for next lesson	31/01/26 (8 days)
19/01/26	Write a book review for next lesson	31/01/26 (8 days)

Below the task table, there is a 'Classes' section titled 'Peter's Classes' with a table showing Class Name, Class Details, and Attendance.

Dependant on how **Dinner Menus** have been set up by the school the parent will then be able to see the **Dinners** for each day with the option to click **Next Week** or use the **Week** drop down

Dinners YOU ARE HERE: [Dashboard](#) > [Dinners](#)

< Previous Week Week Commencing 19/01/2026 **Next Week >** 19/01/2026 - 25/01/2026

Monday 19/01/2026	Tuesday 20/01/2026	Wednesday 21/01/2026	Thursday 22/01/2026	Friday 23/01/2026	Saturday 24/01/2026	Sunday 25/01/2026
Menu Name: Dinner Menu (Schools Food Ltd) Opt 1: Spaghetti Bolognaise or Ham and Cheese Melt Opt 2: Muffin or Fruit or Yoghurt Opt 3: Garden Peas or Salad Selection or Pasta or Mashed Potato or Gravy	Menu Name: Dinner Menu (Schools Food Ltd) Opt 1: Chicken Goujons or Chicken Wrap Opt 2: Carrots or Salad Selection or Herb Diced Potatoes Opt 3: Jelly Pot or Fruit or Yoghurt	Menu Name: Dinner Menu (Schools Food Ltd) Opt 1: Chicken Curry or Breaded Fish Opt 2: Sweetcorn or Broccoli Florets or Mashed Potato Opt 3: Fruit or Yoghurt	Menu Name: Dinner Menu (Schools Food Ltd) Opt 1: Roast Chicken or Roast Pork Opt 2: Carrots or Broccoli Florets or Potatoes or Gravy Opt 3: Rice Krispie Square or Fruit or Yoghurt	Menu Name: Dinner Menu (Schools Food Ltd) Opt 1: Sausages or Peppered Chicken Opt 2: Garden Peas or Salad Selection or Baked Beans or Potatoes or Chips Opt 3: Ice Cream Tub or Fruit		

example dinner menus

The parent simply clicks on the **Opt** (options) available in the **Dinner Menu** for each day to make their **Choice** in the **Meal Selection** panel and click **Select**.

Meal Selection ✕

Choice: ☒ Margherita Pizza ⓘ ☐ Ham and Cheese Pizza ⓘ ☐ Chicken Panini ⓘ

☐ Garden Peas ⓘ ☒ Salad Selection ⓘ ☐ Herb Diced Potatoes ⓘ

☒ Flakemeal Biscuit ⓘ ☐ Water Melon Slice ⓘ

Select **Close**

example meal selection

The selections then show as green in the **Dinner** panel

< Previous Week Week Commencing 26/01/2026 Next Week > 26/01/2026 - 01/02/2026

Monday 26/01/2026	Tuesday 27/01/2026	Wednesday 28/01/2026	Thursday 29/01/2026	Friday 30/01/2026
Selected Items: Menu Name: Dinner Menu (Schools Food Ltd) Margherita Pizza Garden Peas Flakemeal Biscuit	Selected Items: Menu Name: Dinner Menu (Schools Food Ltd) Chicken Curry Broccoli Florets Muffin	Menu Name: Dinner Menu (Schools Food Ltd) Opt 1: Italian Pasta Bake or Fish Goujons Opt 2: Baked Beans or Sweetcorn / Garden peas or Mashed Potato Opt 3: Jelly Pot or Fruit or Yoghurt	Menu Name: Dinner Menu (Schools Food Ltd) Opt 1: Roast Chicken or Chicken Crumble Opt 2: Carrots or Potatoes or Mashed Potato or Gravy Opt 3: Cookie or Fruit or Yoghurt	Menu Name: Dinner Menu (Schools Food Ltd) Opt 1: Chicken Nuggets or Beef Lasagne Opt 2: Sweetcorn or Salad Selection or Mashed Potato or Chips Opt 3: Frozen Yoghurt or Fruit

If you need to cancel/change your choice just click on the menu again and you will be taken back to the selection panel.

App view

Please see the example screenshots below for selecting **Dinner Menu** items in the **MCAS App**.

Note: Parents using the **MCAS Parent App** will need to download the latest version from the Google Play Store or the Apple Store to see the changes.

Click on **Dinners** from the **My Child** screen to see three tabs

- Click in the **Menu** tab for the required Day or click to select the next or previous week
- Select your preferred menu from the drop down choices,
- Tick to select Dinner Menu items, click Submit
- Add Dinner Money if required

