



SCHOOL MEALS

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The menu changes every week on a three week cycle.

The main hot option needs to be pre-chosen. There will always be daily options of sides, vegetables, salads and desserts. Unfortunately, children will not be able to swap between packed lunch and school dinners until the next half term.

This is a successful system used in many primary schools and means

- the children always get the dinner they want
- parents are involved in choosing their child's meal
- food waste is kept to a minimum.

Meals need to be pre-ordered by parents and carers on Parentpay. If meals aren't ordered, your child will still be fed but may not receive their preference.

There is currently no charge for school meals provided to children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. Meals become chargeable once your child enters Year 3.

What do I need to do?

- Log in to Parentpay to order meals for your child for the following week – this must be done by the **Wednesday night** of the preceding week so we can order in the food we need to make your orders. You may select meals for future weeks at the same time.
- You will be asked to choose the main course only; children get to choose their desserts at the serving hatch.
- Reception, Year 1 & 2 will not be charged for the meals, **but we still need you to make your selection on Parentpay.**
- If your child is entitled to Free School Meals because of your family's low income, you will not be charged for the meals, **but we still need you to make your selection on Parentpay.**
- Year 3 and above, the charge will be displayed in your basket. Please pay to complete your order.