



LUNCHTIMES

Children can have school dinners or packed lunches. School dinners are prepared on site and there is always a choice of two hot meals daily. All meals are nutritionally balanced and varied.

UNIVERSAL FREE SCHOOL MEALS (for Reception and Years 1 and 2)

Please see important information overleaf.

Key reasons to have a school dinner:

- They are free!
- They are hot and nutritious
- They are homemade using local ingredients
- Children get to socialise together and learn table manners
- Children will get to try new and exciting foods together
- They are convenient – no need to make packed lunches
- Most children will be staying to hot lunches – 75%



FREE SCHOOL MEALS (for Years 3, 4, 5 & 6)

If you have children in Year 3 or above and you receive certain benefits (income support, jobseekers allowance etc.) you are entitled to receive free school meals for those older children. Application forms are simple to fill in and available from the school office.

DINNER MONEY

School meals for pupils in Years 3 to 6 cost £2.20. This must be paid at the time of or before ordering a meal. Meals can be paid for in advance (eg. weekly, monthly etc.). Schools are not allowed to give credit, therefore if your child tries to order a meal that has not been paid for, you will be contacted to supply a packed lunch.

PACKED LUNCHES

In line with our Healthy Schools award, packed lunches should be as healthy as possible. No sweets or whole chocolate bars are allowed. Due to the severity of nut allergy that some of our pupils have, packed lunches must not contain nuts.

ALL CHILDREN, REGARDLESS OF WHETHER THEY ARE SCHOOL DINNER OR PACKED LUNCH, SHOULD BRING A DRINK TO SCHOOL

UNIVERSAL FREE SCHOOL MEALS

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR ALL PARENTS/CARERS

From September 2014 children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 have an automatic qualification to receive a free meal.

Are you aware though, that whilst this change in entitlement means you will no longer be required to apply for a meal, if you don't apply but are in receipt of the benefits listed below, your school will miss out on additional funding of £1320 per child which support your child's learning in the school environment. Please remember that if you are not in receipt of any of these benefits now, but become entitled at any time in the future, to make sure you apply at the school office.

Schools use of this additional funding could increase the support we are able to give to those children not making expected progress as well as purchase new resources for the school.

In order for Chase Lane to qualify for this additional funding we ask you to provide us with the name, date of birth and National Insurance Number or asylum seeker reference. This will enable the LA to make an assessment to confirm if your school qualify to receive this funding. It is important to note that no other parents or pupils will know you have been assessed and it will not affect any other benefits you are claiming.

Do you qualify?

You can register your child for Free School Meals if you receive any of these benefits now or in the future:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The Guarantee element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit, provided you are not entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual income (as assessed by HM Revenue & Customs) that does not exceed £16,190

Please provide documentary paper evidence of the benefit you receive from the list above to the school office as they use this money to help support your children within the school environment to achieve their full potential in education.