



11th July 2025

Dear Parents/Carers

Universal Infant Free School Meals

I am writing to remind you that at the end of this term the qualification from the Government for the Universal Infant Free School Meals funding will end for your child.

As they go into Year 3 this will mean that the responsibility comes to parents to pay for any school meals your child may require from September onwards.

Over the past few months we have been working with Lunchtime Co. our new caterers to provide high quality school meals at a reasonable and sustainable price. The quality of meals provided at school is excellent and I would like to thank Lunchtime Co. for working so closely with us and listening to the feedback we have given based on what the children tell us. The school lunch offer has plenty of variety on a rolling 3 week cycle and provides provide the best and most popular meals with the parameters of the government guidelines for healthy balanced meals

The cost of school meals from 1st September 2025 will be £3.00. This still represents significant value for money. A Tesco meal deal for example costs £3.60 and the cost of an average packed lunch with value products is approximately £2 and does not have the nutritional value or the convenience of the school meals offered.

Your child may be able to get free school meals if you are in receipt of any of the following:

- 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 guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

If you qualify for Free School Meals and have not already registered with Education Welfare Benefit, please visit the school office for an application form or alternatively visit the following website for further information;

<https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/free-school-meals>

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