# **School Lunches**



## Free School Meals

From September 2014 all pupils from Reception to Year 2 children have been entitled to a free school meal. Forms for this are issued from the school office. Please return to school as soon as possible. If families still wish to send their children to school with a packed lunch from home, this is also permitted.

## Key Stage 2

For pupils in Key Stage 2 who have to pay for a school meal, payment must be made using our online 'Parentpay' system. Parents and carers can transfer a balance of money to cover the costs of school meals on to this system. This system can be accessed on a smartphone, tablet or desktop computer. The current cost of a school meal for pupils in Key Stage 2 is £2.20 per child, per day (increasing to £2.40 from September 2024). Please note that if families get in to debt of more than £20.00 for school meal payments, we will contact you via letter or phone call to give a gentle reminder for payment or to see if we can offer our families any support.

#### Packed Lunches

Children are allowed to bring a packed lunch from home if parents and carers would prefer to provide this. If parents and carers would like to change a child from school lunch to packed lunch, or vice versa, we would appreciate some advance warning of this (at least a week if possible) so that the kitchen staff can order and prepare the correct amount of lunches and to ensure that we minimise food waste as much as possible.

#### Allergies & Nut Free School

We do have a number of children in school who have severe allergies, some to nuts or, nut products, so consequently, nuts or nut products are not allowed in school, either in school meals or packed lunches, as they could be life threatening to some of our pupils. We would ask for the support of our whole school community to adhere to these rules please to make sure that all of our children are kept safe.



#### **Healthy Choices**

Foods and produce for our school lunches are currently provided to us by the council and we are continually reviewing options to ensure that healthy choices are provided for our children. Every day there are a range of choices for hot food, including jacket potatoes and different vegetables, as well as sandwiches and a fresh salad bar which the children can choose from. We also teach our children to make healthy food choices as much as possible as part of our curriculum.

