

22 February 2023

Dear Families,

PRE-ORDERING SCHOOL MEALS

- The cost of food and ingredients is continuing to rise at an alarming rate.
- We want to be able to offer all of our children a nutritious and healthy balanced meal each day at a price that is affordable for all.
- To do this, we are looking at ways we can control our food production costs.

The best way that we can do this is by asking our families to pre-order their child's meals **at least one week in advance** so we can accurately predict our required food order for production the following week to avoid unnecessary over-spends and reduce waste.

Please pre-order your child's meal requirements for the following week by Thursday of the current week at the latest.

Pre-orders can be made using your child's parent pay account.

If pre-orders for meals have not been placed for the following week or your child does not have a packed lunch from home, then your child will be offered the option of a jacket potato with the filling of the day or you will be asked to bring them a packed lunch into school.

We hope that by families helping us with this mitigating measure that we can continue to hold our current meal price and avoid any cost increases.

Many thanks for your support with this matter.

Yours appreciatively,

Claire Neal Business Manager

Useful information

• If your child is entitled to free school meals no charges will be generated or added to your ParentPay account by placing pre-orders.



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- You can indicate on the system if your child will be having a packed lunch from home on any given day.
- If you have pre-ordered a meal and then your child is not in school on this day the order is cancelled and any money charged refunded back to your account.
- You can place your pre-orders for up to 6 weeks in advance or until the the end of the term whichever is sooner.
- We advise booking meals in consultation with your child. This gives you the opportunity to explain to them what the dish is if they are unfamiliar with it and avoid disappointment in the classroom when their meal choice for the day is confirmed.



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