



Dear Parent/Carer,

We are delighted to announce that as of 19th February 2024 our new catering provider will be Caterlink. We are passionate about providing a healthy and nutritious meal to all of our pupils. Hales Valley Trust have carefully selected Caterlink as our new provider as we believe they will deliver our key objectives now and into the future.

Please find attached our new Spring Dinner Menu that will come into effect from Monday 19th February (upon return from February Half Term). You will also find an allergy form (only applicable if your child has a confirmed allergy) this will need completing by 21<sup>st</sup> January to inform Caterlink that your child has a food allergy or intolerance or food-related medical condition (please note - If your child has a food allergy and we do not have a completed intolerance form we will not be able to provide a school meal until receipt of their form).

As of 19th February, the price of a school meal will be £2.65 per child per meal. If your child is in Reception, Years 1 or 2 or are in receipt of pupil premium funding this fee will not be applicable.

Your child may be eligible for a free school meal. To check your eligibility please click on the following link or speak to a member of staff in the school office who in confidence will be happy to help. You can submit your application either via the portal link below or completing the attached application form (these printed application forms for Free School Meals are available from the school office).

https://www.dudley.gov.uk/resident/your-council/benefits/free-school-meals/

If you are in receipt of any of the following payments your child may be entitled to receive free school meals -

- Universal Credit (you must have less than £616.67 a month net earned income (after tax and not including any welfare benefits)
- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseekers Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of State 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

You will receive further correspondence in due course in regards to the meal ordering options with Caterlink.

Please do not hesitate to contact the school office should you require any further information.











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