



GHF School Meals



We have a fantastic school kitchen and provide delicious meals at lunchtime. There is a choice of three main meals, including a vegetarian option, and a choice of dessert. Additionally, there is a salad bar, where the school lunch children can help themselves to the variety of fresh fruit and vegetables as well as fresh bread. We can provide adjustments for special diets provided that parents complete a Special Diets form (available on our website) and contact the School Office.

Our menu is based on a four week cycle which changes twice a year. Meals are ordered online through ParentMail and must be ordered by the Friday for the week starting a fortnight ahead. The menu for September 2020 will be available to order in July (date to be confirmed). Please make sure you have advised the school office of your email address.

Registering and placing orders is simple but there is a User Guide on our website to support with registration and ordering. Please remember to order in advance. If we do not receive an order for your child, we will assume that you do not wish for your child to have a school meal and will not prepare one for them.

Why it is still important to register for Free School Meals

While meals are currently free for infants, it is still important to register for Free School Meals if you are eligible. If you receive the following benefits you are eligible:

- Income Support
- Income-based Job Seeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Guarantee 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 four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit (provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400 as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods)

Did you know that the school receives a Pupil Premium payment for the year in which families are eligible for free school meals and automatically for the following five years? It is currently £1,300 per free school meal pupil per year. This money is paid to the school even if your child does not actually take up their meals and will be invested in your child to help them achieve more at school. The funding is used at the discretion of the school but on initiatives specifically aimed at improving the outcomes of financially disadvantaged pupils. Full details of how we use the funding and the impact it has can be found on the Pupil Premium page on our website.

A formal entitlement to free school meals also enables parents to access free school milk, and a reduction in the cost of music lessons and residential visits.

Please note, at no time are pupils who are entitled to free school meals identified as such within the classroom or within their peer groups.

In order to ensure that everyone who is entitled to free school meals takes advantage of this, **we would ask ALL parents to complete the online registration process** as soon as possible. This would enable us to confirm whether you have an entitlement before your child starts school. Please register for Free School Meals at

<https://lcc.cloud.servelec-synergy.com/parentportal>