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School Meals from September 2022

Dear Parents/Carers

From September 2022, there will be a slight increase of 10p for the cost of a school meal to £2.30 a day, £11.50 for a full week, this is the first increase for 3 years. Solihull catering have increased the cost of a school meal to reflect the increase in their costs, we have set the cost of a meal to the minimum amount possible.

Children currently in years Reception - Year 2 receive Universal Free School Meals. **If your child is moving up to year 3 in September then they will no longer be entitled to these.** The meals will be charged at £2.30 a day which should be payable in advance.

Applying for Means Tested Free School Meals

If you have not already applied for means tested free school meals and you fit any of the criteria below, please ensure that you apply before Friday 8th July by visiting www.coventry.gov.uk/applyforfreeschoolmeals or, if you do not have access to the internet, you can pick up a paper form from the school office and we can submit the application on your behalf.

If you are in receipt of any of the following welfare benefits your child may be entitled to free school meals.

To receive free school meals you must be in receipt of:

- Universal Credit, and have an annual net earned household income of no more than £7,400
- Income Support
- Income Based Jobseekers Allowance
- An income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guarantee element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit, provided you are not entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual income (as assessed by HM Revenue & Customs) that does not exceed £16,190.
- Working Tax Credit run-on, which is paid for four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit

Please note: you do not qualify for Free School Meals if you are in receipt of Working Tax Credit regardless of income.

Until you receive confirmation from Coventry City Council that your child is entitled to free school meals you will be required to pay for school meals.



All school meals should be pre booked on the School Gateway App. This ensures that the kitchen has prior knowledge of the amount of meals per day and to ensure your child can have their first choice of school meal. Even if you make your child a packed lunch at home to bring into school could this also be selected on the Gateway App. If you do not pre book your child's meal this takes learning time away in the classroom in the morning, as the teacher has to book your child's meal.

We thank you in advance for your support in this matter.

Download the Frees School Gateway App



Creating an account is simple and will take no more than a couple of minutes:



1. Register

Register using the same email address and mobile number held by the school



2. Four digit PIN

School Gateway will send you a text with your PIN



3. Login

Login, you are ready to go

School meals are then selected by going to Lunch Money
Make or view meal bookings
Choose the day/days and select the meals.
This can be done a month in advance.

If you have any problems with pre booking meals please contact the office.

Thanks

Mrs McGibney
Head Teacher