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School Meals

Our school lunches are cooked on site by Mrs Wilson and they prove very popular with our children and staff! There is a range of healthy and appetising options on our varied menu to suits all tastes, diets and needs. Paper copies of the menus are sent home termly.

Derbyshire County Council provides our school meals and they have put a great deal of time, effort and money into creating healthy menus and promoting these healthy choices to pupils. They also want to provide parents with all the information they need about school dinners and they have developed a website where you can get further information – <http://www.myschoollunch.co.uk/>

It is also an opportunity for all the children to socialise and talk with their friends. A member of the class 1 team will be with the children at lunchtime to assist with cutting up food and perhaps encouraging them to try something that they have never had before!

The menu is on a 3 week cycle and changes every 6 months. We offer a standard portion of a main meal with vegetables, salad, bread, fresh fruit and drinking water freely available.

All medical diets are catered for and the Derbyshire Menu Development Officer creates specialist menus to ensure each child has a meal that meets their requirements. To apply for a medical diet you must have a referral from a medical professional and complete a 'medical diet form' which can be obtained from school.

All our menus meet the current Government nutritional standards.

As of September 2014, all infant children are entitled to *Universal Infant Free School Meals (UIFSM)*

Children may bring packed lunches from home if they prefer. Please notify the office if you wish for your child to have a packed lunch.

The Catering Service is always grateful to receive any feedback you may have regarding the meals. Please e-mail catering@derbyshire.gov.uk or telephone 01629 536704 to discuss any area of the school meal service.

Income Based Free School Meals

For every child who qualifies for free meals due to family income or benefit levels, our school receives the maximum funding (£1320) to support your child through something called the **Pupil Premium**. **It is only available to schools if you apply** and are eligible for income based free school meals. With Pupil Premium funding, schools can organise extra help and support for children too.

Applying for free meals is easy and confidential so if you think you may qualify for free school meals, please still take the time to apply. Even though your child might be able to have a universal free school meal because they are in reception of Key Stage 1, **our school needs the funding that comes from Income Based Free School Meals.**

To find out if you are eligible, please go to the Council's website at <https://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/education/schools/your-child-at-school/meals/school-meals/free-school-meals.aspx>

Just call the free school meals team on 01629 536400 or 01629 536481 for further information or complete the simple online form to apply.

School Meals for Key Stage 2 children (Year 3-6)

The cost of a school lunch is £2.20 per meal and weekly payments should be made each Monday or in advance per term. Payments can be made on 'ParentPay', our online payment service.

Healthy Snacks

Have a break... have a piece of fruit! We try to encourage our children to live active and healthy lifestyles whenever we can. In reception, a daily snack is provided of fruit or vegetables. 'Snack and Chat' provides the children with an opportunity to eat healthily but to also enjoy food as a means of socialising with their peers. Children will sometimes have the opportunity to make the next day's snack such as bread and healthy biscuits to go with their piece of fruit or veg!