

## School Dinners

**In Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 all children are entitled to a free school dinner. From Year 3 onwards, this is no longer the case.** Families which receive certain support payments may be entitled to a free school lunch. Other families must pay for a lunch if they want one. Any child is allowed to bring in their own packed lunch each day.

## Free School Meals

Children whose parents receive the following support payments are entitled to receive free school meals:

- Income Support (IS)
- Income Based Jobseekers Allowance
- An income-related employment and support allowance
- The Guarantee element of State Pension Credit (PCGC)
- support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Child Tax Credit, provided they are not entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual income, as assessed by Inland Revenue that does not exceed £16,190
- Universal Credit and have an income, as assessed by the Inland Revenue that does not exceed £7,400.

**Please note:** if you receive Working Tax Credit you will not be entitled to free school meals.

**You can apply for a free school meal online using the following link:**

<https://www.blackburn.gov.uk/schools-and-education/school-meals>

## Payment

If you would like your child to have a school lunch but do not qualify for a free school meal, the cost is £1.80 per day. We ask that parents pay weekly if possible (£9.00.) **We are very proud to say that the cost of school meals to parents is heavily subsidised from the general school budget and our lunches are the cheapest in the borough.** Each day there is a choice of meals available, always including a vegetarian option. There are 3, weekly menus and samples are available on our school website.

Money should be brought into school in an envelope if possible, with your child's name on the front. Adults can bring money to the school office or it can be sent into school with the children and given to teachers. We are able to accept cheques if you prefer.

## Packed Lunches

Children who bring a packed lunch eat in the dining room at the same time as the other children. We encourage parents and carers to send healthy lunches to fit in with the school's efforts to promote healthy eating.