



Wednesday 27th March 2024

Dear Parent/Carer,

Universal Free School Meals programme is extending until the middle of 2025!

As you are aware the funding for Universal Free School Meals is extended for another academic school year between September 2024 and July 2025. This means that primary school aged children who attend our school will continue to receive a healthy, nutritious meal so that no child goes hungry in the classroom, and all pupils can better concentrate on their studies.

Even though your child is receiving their free school meals automatically, it is still vitally important – if you have not done so already – to complete a short registration form in case your child is eligible for extra funding for our school from the Government, worth over £1,300 per year. That's more money for extracurricular activities, teacher development and support for children who need it most. This will ensure you will also receive any other benefits you may be entitled to, for example food vouchers during the holidays and subsidised school trips.

For more information about this and anything else about the scheme please visit the online hub:

<https://www.london.gov.uk/free-school-meals>

We have noticed that there has been an increase in children swapping from school lunch to packed lunch on a daily basis. This has made it impossible for the catering company to adequately cater for the number of meals needed. Some days there is not enough food but mostly there is a huge amount of food wasted. Some children are also eating a packed lunch and then having a school lunch.

Therefore, we are changing our systems so that children will either have a school lunch every day or a packed lunch. They will no longer be able to swap from one to the other. You will need to sign your child up to packed lunch or school lunch using the form attached. You will be able to change your preference at the beginning of each half term.

Please note that packed lunches must not contain nuts in any form (including cereal bars) or confectionary.

To confirm from Monday 15 April, children must have a school lunch every day or packed lunch every day until the end of each half term.

If you would like any further information with regards to any of the above please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

Yours Sincerely

Miss K Coll



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