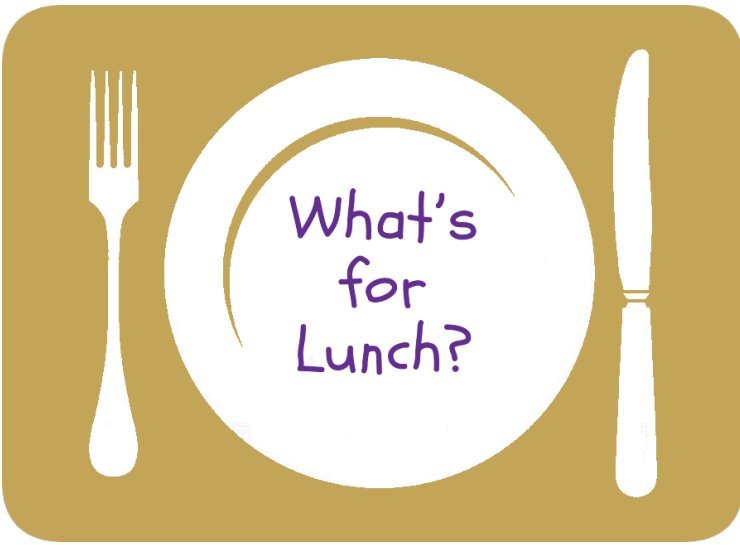


# About School Meals



## **School Meals**

Mrs Thompson, our School Cook, and her team are highly dedicated and creative in serving the children a wide range of healthy and nutritious lunches. School meals represent extremely good value for money at only £2.20 per day, and are also available free of charge for people who meet certain criteria.

## **Free School Meals (FSM)**

Part of every school's funding is based on how many pupils are eligible for free school meals (FSM), regardless of whether they choose to eat a school dinner or bring a packed lunch. Therefore we would urge you to register for the service if you meet the criteria. It is still possible to continue to send your child to school with a packed lunch, or to have a school dinner once or twice a week, or just to book a meal every so often when it is convenient to do so.

The extra funding generated by this scheme can be used to further enrich your child's education by funding extra curricular activities.

Your child may be entitled to free school meals if you receive:

- Income support.
- Income based Jobseeker's Allowance.
- Employment support allowance (income related).
- Child Tax Credit, *and* you are not entitled to receive Working Tax Credit, *and* have an annual income (as assessed by H M Revenue & Customs) that does not exceed £16,190.
- The Guarantee Element of the State Pension Credit.
- Support under Part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999

While taking up a school meal is recommended, it is not obligatory and simply by registering for FSM helps the school attract more funds.

Registering for FSM is entirely confidential and neither the child's peers nor their teacher will be aware that the child is registered. Applying for FSM can be done by requesting a form from the school office or by downloading an application from our website on the *Letters & Forms* page.

If you would like any more information about FSM and the pupil premium you can speak in confidence to either Belinda Deacon or Karen Robinson at the school.

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