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Dear Parent/Carer

### Free School Meals

From 5 June 2023 the price of a School Meal is increasing to £3.00. We will increase the value of a Free School Meal allowance to £3.00 to match this. This is as a result of the increased cost of providing meals and is a price set by Hampshire County Council. Our lunchtime meal deal will be priced at £3.00 in line with this county-wide change. It remains good value with a main dish, dessert and drink.

Break time prices remain better value than any other school we know about. Other food and drink items are available for sale each day.

A free breakfast subsidised by the school with support through the Magic Breakfast programme is available every day from 8.00am alongside items for sale that are not part of the Magic Breakfast arrangements.

We continue to provide MUNCH meals each Tuesday and Thursday from 4.00pm to 5.30 pm, and our Park Pantry is available to help families. It is supported by Hampshire County Council and a range of food providers and charities. The Pantry is based in our Dickinson Centre and open Monday to Friday 11.00am to 2.30 p.m.

A reminder that a child is eligible for free school meals if their parent or carer receives one or more of the following benefits:

- Universal Credit (provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400, as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods)
- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guarantee element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit) and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit

To check your child's eligibility for continued free school meals, you can use the online checking facility at [Online FSM Application \(cloudforedu.org.uk\)](https://cloudforedu.org.uk)

Yours faithfully



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