



MURRAY PARK SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Carer,

Catering Arrangements

When your son/daughter joins Murray Park School there will be onsite facilities for children to eat hot meals, cold snacks and sandwiches as well as an area to eat any sandwiches brought from home.

Cashless Card Catering System

Murray Park uses a cashless catering system which uses Biometrics (facial recognition) technology for students who want to buy food whether at breakfast, break or lunchtime. Please see enclosed flyer and the link and QR code below which will take you to the electronic consent form for you to complete.

<https://forms.office.com/r/jj6rTbz35p>



We are pleased to announce that we are now accepting payments online for dinner money and school trips. By using a secure website called ParentPay you are able to pay online using your credit or debit card. ParentPay is our preferred method of making payments to school. By using ParentPay your child will not have to worry about losing money at school and also ensures that all financial transactions are safe and secure. A separate letter with your ParentPay login will be sent to you separately.

Alternatively, you can also provide a cheque (made payable to "Innovate Services" and the child's full name and tutor group written on the back) or banknotes from home in advance and the kitchen staff will credit the card with the amount. Should you want to add further value to your child's card they can do so using coins or notes at either of the two machines available in school. All children will be shown how this works in September and they will have the chance to load their cards and use them at lunch. You are welcome to bring a cheque or cash to school on the night of the Parents' Evening and give this in to your child's form tutor in an envelope. Around £12.50 is usually sufficient for each week to buy lunch but extra if they wish to spend at breakfast/break.

Your child may already be receiving Free School Meals at the Junior School he/she attends. To achieve this facility you have always applied to the Education Office, however we have a different system, details of which are below. It may only take a small increase in the number of students claiming to have a significant increase in our funding so it is important for the school that parents who are entitled to claim do so. Free School Meals have a direct influence on our school funding.



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What you need to do to claim Free School Meals:

Please apply online for Free School Meals on the following website where you will receive instant notification of your entitlement: <https://www.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/link2ict>. If you do not have access to a computer please complete the enclosed form and return it to Student Services where a member of staff will fill in the online form on your behalf. Please only complete this form for children who will be a student at Murray Park School. Please see separate sheet for further information about the eligibility criteria for claiming Free School Meals.

Although a £2.50 free meal allowance is sufficient for a full meal, you may want to add a little money to your son/daughters card for items not included in the allowance or if they may need to purchase a snack at morning break.

If you qualify but have chosen not to apply for free school meals please consider applying. You do not have to take up the free school meal to attract the funding for the school and our catering system allows children to access their Free School Meal allowance without it being known by other students.

Yours faithfully

Julie Dunn

Catering Manager



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