

Changes to Free School Meal Access

Dear Parent/Carer

I am writing to let you know about a minor change we are making to how students access their Free School Meal (FSM) allowance during the academy day, which will come into effect after the October 2026 half-term holiday.

We have noticed that some students are spending their FSM allowance at break time, leaving them with little or nothing available to purchase their lunch. We want to make sure that all students entitled to free school meals can enjoy a nutritious lunch each day.

From Monday 3 November, FSM allowances will only be available from 11.30am each day. This will ensure that students have their allowance available to purchase lunch rather than spending it earlier in the morning.

We do, however, recognise that students may be hungry at break time. To support this, free bagels and juice will be available at break time for students who receive free school meals; meaning they can have something to eat and drink without using their lunch time allowance. They will be able to purchase other break time items if they wish, but this cannot be funded through the FSM allowance.

This change is not about restricting students, but about helping them make the most of their daily allowance and ensuring that they have access to food throughout the academy day.

We know how important it is that students are well fed and ready to learn, and we want to make sure our arrangements support this. We will keep the change under review and listen to feedback from students and families.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully



Ms L. Gobin
Principal

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