



RED HALL PRIMARY SCHOOL
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7th February 2024

Dear Families,

I am delighted to provide you with an update on our School Meals that will be provided by Shires Catering Service after half-term, beginning February 20th 2024.

In this letter you will find a copy of the new menu. We will be on Week 1 of the menu when we return.

As a reminder all children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to a free meal each day. This is due to funding from the Government called Universal Infant Free School Meals.

From Year 3 to Year 6 if your child is in receipt of the Pupil Premium Grant they are also entitled to a free meal each day. If your circumstances have changed you can apply for the grant. School can help you to complete this form. More details can be found below. Over 40% of Red Hall Primary School are currently eligible for this.

<https://www.dudley.gov.uk/resident/your-council/benefits/free-school-meals/>

Free School Meals

If you receive any of the following support payments your child may be entitled to Free School Meals


- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseekers Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of State 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 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit


If you currently receive free school meals but have now moved into the area, you will need to complete a new Free School Meals Application form


If you wish to apply for Free School Meals, please go to

www.dudley.gov.uk/resident/your-council/council-tax-and-benefits/benefits/free-school-meals

If you need further information, you can contact the Free School Meals Team by:

 Telephone -01384 814988

 Email – freeschoolmeals.benefits@dudley.gov.uk

 Visiting – Dudley Council Plus, Castle Street, Dudley
between 8.30am and 5pm Monday to Friday, 9am and 12 noon Saturday

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If you have to pay for school meals there will be a slight increase in cost per meal. From **February 20th 2024 the cost per meal will be £2.50**

The choice of sandwiches is changing to either **cheese** or **tuna mayonnaise** only. These will need to be booked each morning in class as the children are used to doing currently.

As a way to launch our new menu I am pleased to let you know that on Tuesday 20th February Pancakes will be on the menu for pudding.



Food Allergies & Intolerances - Before ordering, please speak to our staff about your requirements

We know that lunches are a big deal for our children and we wish them to really enjoy their lunches. If you have any feedback, please don't hesitate to speak to a staff member or write an email to info@redhall.dudley.sch.uk We will ensure that all your feedback is passed onto Shires.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Tomlinson
Head teacher

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