Catholic Primary School We love, aspire and serve with Christ our King

Friday 14th July 2023

Dear Families,

School Meals 2023-2024

Current Year 2

As you know children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are in receipt of Universal Infant Free School Meals grant. When they return to Year 3 in September you will need to pay for meals. Please complete the following Google form to indicate your child's meal pattern for September. You will be able to change this pattern, however two weeks' notice is needed for this – please email the school office if needed.

Cost of a school meal from September 2023

The cost of a school meal has been £1.80 for more than ten years now and due to the increase in the cost of food and energy the difficult decision has been taken to increase this cost to **£2.00** per meal. This is still less than many schools in the local area and the Governors agree that it is still good value for money.

Meals need to be confirmed and paid for in advance – please do this on the app by Sunday evening. If you are having difficulty please speak to Ms Christopherson.

As food is ordered on a weekly basis your child's meal pattern should not alter. Two weeks' notice should be given and the school office (not the class teacher) should be informed of your intention to change via email.

Many people do not realise that they are entitled to help with covering the cost of school meals. Further details can be found at <u>https://liverpool.gov.uk/benefits/free-school-meals/</u>

If you or your partner receive any of the following benefits you can apply.

- Universal Credit your household earned annual income must be less than £7,400 after tax and not including any benefits
- Income Support
- Income based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income related Employment Support Allowance
- Support under part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed part of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit with no Working Tax Credit and your annual household income is no more than £16,190, as assessed by the Inland Revenue





Before you apply

- If you're a foster parent you cannot apply for free school meals as you already receive funding.
- If you already receive free school meals for a child and just want to add another child, contact school and we'll be able to check if the additional child is eligible.
- If you get Housing Benefit or Council Tax Support

If you would like the school office to assist you with your application, please contact Mrs Pyper.

If you have any further questions please speak to myself or Mr Heery.

Yours sincerely

Mr D Delaney Headteacher