



7th July 2026

Dear Year 2 Parents and Carers,

As your child moves into Year 3 and becomes a junior pupil, there are a few changes to make you aware of:

School Fruit

School fruit is not provided at break-time for junior children. If your child would like a break-time snack, please send a healthy snack such as fruit or vegetables. Crisps, chocolate, sweets etc are not permitted. On Fridays only, children may bring a treat such as a small biscuit or cake – no sharer packs or multipacks please.

School Lunches

Junior pupils are no longer eligible for Universal Infant Free School Meals. This means that if your child has a school lunch, this must be paid for at a cost of £3.25 per day.

We do not take cash or cheques for payment of school meals, this is done online via ParentPay. If you have not used ParentPay for your Year 2 child previously, please ask me for your activation code.

Lunches should be paid for in advance. If your account runs into arrears, you will receive text reminders to top-up ParentPay. If the account continues to be in arrears, meals will be withdrawn and the debt referred to Derbyshire County Council.

Please let me know as soon as possible if your child is moving to packed lunches from September. You will still be charged for meals unless you have specifically cancelled them with the office.

Benefits-related Free School Meals

For some families, school lunches will still be free. All parents and carers are encouraged to apply, even if you think that you are not eligible, as this will ensure that your eligibility is immediate if your circumstances change in the future.

Please note that there are national changes in Free School Meals taking place from September. This means that families who were eligible previously, may no longer be eligible. More details are outlined in the attached letter.

If you have any questions, please do let me know.

Best Wishes

Shelley Middlebrook
School Business Manager