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Dear Parents/carers,

Re: School Dinners

I am writing to advise you that as your child is moving into the juniors, from September you will need to start paying for School Meals, unless you are entitled to Free School Meals. The cost of school meals is £2.90 per day, which is £14.50 a week. If you wish your child to have school meals from September 2026 you will need to pay for this weekly or termly **both in advance**, unless you pay by direct Debit which is taken in arrears. Any days your child is absent from school will be credited on your account. Ordering & payment is via School Grid. Please see the school website for more information.

Cost per day: £2.90

Cost per week: £14.50

If you currently receive Free School Meals and previously made your application through Bury Council, you will need to reapply via our [new online OFSM system](#). It's a very quick process and only takes a couple of minutes. Alternatively, please provide the school office with your National Insurance (NI) number and consent for school to apply on your behalf.

If you currently receive Free School Meals and made your application through the new online OFSM system, you do **NOT** need to reapply. OFSM will recheck eligibility during the summer holidays and you will be notified by email of any change to your entitlement. Please look out for this email (and check junk folder) as it will come directly from OFSM and will determine if you will need to pay for your child's school meals from September.

If you do not currently receive Free School Meals, please apply via the [new online OFSM system](#), even if you believe you are not entitled currently. You may be entitled to receive free school meals if you are in receipt of certain benefits or support. You could also raise additional pupil premium funding for your child's school to fund support like extra tuition, additional teaching staff or after school activities. It's a very quick process and you only need to apply once as the system will automatically update



your eligibility if your circumstances change in future. Alternatively, please provide the school office with your NI number and consent for school to apply on your behalf.

- **Targeted FSM:** This will remain based on the existing threshold, covering pupils in households receiving Universal Credit with annual household earnings of £7,400 or less.
- **Expanded FSM:** This new category will cover pupils who do not qualify for Targeted FSM but are in households receiving Universal Credit.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the School Office

If your claim is successful, your child will continue to receive a free school meal daily. The school also receives additional funds per child entitled to free school meals which can be spent on additional support, resources or experiences for the children. We ask that you make a claim even if your child has a packed lunch so we can access the funding.

If you have any queries, please get in touch with the school office.

Kind regards

Mrs Taylor, Business Manager

