

School meals at Ludlow – Introducing Cuisine for Kids (CfK)

Meals

School lunchtime is a very important social event at Ludlow Junior School. We aim to produce excellent meals daily which include wide ranging choices, fresh produce and a friendly environment. All staff are invited to eat with the children and the senior team are often involved in serving the children and interacting with them over the lunch break. Meals can be ordered daily and our regularly updated menu can be found on the school website. We can cater for a wide range of dietary requirements as all food is prepared freshly by our team – please talk to one of the team if you have any questions. We have a 5 star food hygiene rating and invite the children to work menu design ideas with us.

Packed lunches can be an alternative if you wish. We try to encourage healthy choices in lunchboxes but realise that parents also wish to have elements of free choice.

Pupils who have a packed lunch can choose to eat in the main hall or to picnic outside if the weather permits.

Free school meals

This is to let you know that you can now apply online for free school meals for your child. Here is the web address for the application:

<https://www.southampton.gov.uk/learning/schools/schoolmeals/fschm.aspx>

However, if you prefer you can still complete a paper application and hand it into the school office and we can apply via the web on your behalf, and let you know the result.

Applying for free school meals not only gives your child the opportunity to have a meal but the Government also gives the school additional money to help with your child's education. In the new financial year this has been increased and it is therefore to your child's advantage that you apply for free school meals even if your child doesn't actually take up the offer of a meal.

The criteria for free school meals are:

- Income support (IS)
- Income based Jobseekers Allowance (IBJSA)
- Child Tax Credit, provided you are not entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual income (as assessed by Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs (HMRC) that does not exceed £16190.00.)
- Guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
- Employment & Support Allowance Income Related (ESA)
- Support under the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Where you are entitled to Working Tax Credit during the four week period immediately after your employment ceases, or after you start to work less than 16 hours per week, your child is entitled to free school meals.

If you have any queries regarding free school meals, please contact Kayleigh Ede via the school office.