



Malvern Wells CE Primary School

Information on School Lunches

Universal Infant Free School Meals

All children in YR, Y1 and Y2 will be entitled to and offered a free school meal as part of the government Universal Infant Free School Meal (UIFSM) scheme. However, they will not be automatically provided with one. It is up to parents to decide if they would like to take up the offer and then order a meal for their child.



Black Pepper School Lunches will be providing the service to our school and access for ordering and cancelling (and payment for Key Stage 2) can be made online at www.blackpepperlunches.com



The expectation is for parents to make the order online, selecting from the menu on the site. This allows for parental choice and the selection includes a vegetarian and a baked potato option each day. Black Pepper Lunches are good at meeting any dietary requirement; please make them and us aware of your child's needs. If your child is absent then parents will need to access the site to cancel the meal for that day.

Key Stage 2

If your child is in Key Stage 2 and would like a hot school lunch the process is similar, the only difference being that parents will pay for the meals and this can be done directly from the Black Pepper site.

Free School Meals

Your child might be able to get free school meals if you get any of the following:

- Income Support
- income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- the guaranteed element of 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



Children, who get paid these benefits directly, instead of through a parent or guardian, can also get free school meals.

Claiming Free School Meals is available to families who meet the criteria for support. Children qualifying also receive **Pupil Premium Funding** which means school receive extra funding to support with their education. It is really important that families continue to claim for this support if they are entitled to it.