

Friday 18th July 2025

Dear Parents/Guardians

Aspens are delighted to be working in partnership with TPAT, serving your meal provision for the new school year and look forward to making many 'good food memories' with the students at your school.

Benefits of School Meals:

Choosing school meals offers numerous advantages beyond just a delicious plate of food:

- **Improved Attainment:** Research shows that children who eat nutritious school meals often have better concentration and academic performance.
- **Time-Saving for Parents/Guardians:** No more packing lunchboxes each morning, freeing up valuable time for busy families.
- **Healthy Habits:** School meals provide a balanced diet, introducing children to a variety of foods and encouraging healthy eating habits from a young age.
- **Social Development:** Eating together with friends promotes social skills, independence, and a sense of community.

As a school, we want to ensure every eligible child receives a healthy and nutritious meal.

From 1st September 2025, there will be a change in the price of our school meals. The new price will be **£2.75**, reflecting a necessary adjustment to cover current food and operating costs which include the increase in national living wage and NI uplift from April 25. We understand the financial concerns this may raise for some families and want to reassure you that this decision was made after careful consideration.

Our school meal service remains committed to providing nutritional menus, catering to various dietary preferences while also ensuring value for money.

As a reminder, if your child is in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2, they are entitled to Universal Free School Meals. If they don't currently take these up, why not give them a go? As this will **save you over £520** over the school year. If they are in Year 3, 4, 5 or 6 and your circumstances have changed, you may be entitled to free school meals. Check this out by visiting <https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals>. If you are unable to complete the form online, please visit the school office, and a member of our office team will provide you with the necessary support. Please be assured that your application will be treated with the utmost confidentiality, and it will not affect any other benefits you may be receiving.

If you have any questions regarding the catering please contact: info@aspens-services.com.

Your Sincerely



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