

SCHOOL MEALS



School meals at **Moorside Primary School** are healthy and nutritious.

We have a modern, non-frying kitchen on the school site and all meals are freshly prepared on a daily basis.

Each day, all children who choose to have a school meal, will be able to select their meal from a choice of four different options. These options will always include both hot and cold food, sandwiches, jacket potatoes and a vegetarian option. All meat used in the kitchen is HMC halal certified.

Cost of Meals

All children in **Reception, Year 1 and Year 2** automatically qualify for a **free** school meal every day (this is known as the Universal Infant Free School Meal offer). We encourage 100% of children to take up this great opportunity.

Some families will also qualify for **Free School Meals** because of the benefits they may be receiving. Our admin staff in the school office would be very happy to help you discover whether your child would qualify.

It is very important that you check if you qualify for Free School Meals (even if your child is in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2) because the school receives additional funding for every child who is either eligible for Free School Meals now, or has been eligible at any point in the last 6 years. This funding is known as Pupil Premium and is used by the school to further enhance educational provision for those children, helping them to achieve more strongly.

You can either apply for free school meals online at the Newcastle City Council website. (Google "Newcastle City Council Free School Meals") or call into the school office and we will give you a form to fill in.

N.B. Until we have received agreement from Newcastle City Council that your child is eligible for free school meals, meals will be charged for, unless your child is in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2.

If you do not wish for your child to have a school meal, you can either collect them to take them home for lunch and return for the start of afternoon school, or alternatively provide a healthy packed lunch. This should **not include** sweets, nuts, kiwi fruit or fizzy drinks including energy drinks.

The cost of school meals **should be:**

- **Nursery Children: £1.90 per day**
- **Years 3, 4, 5 and 6: £2.00 per day or £10.00 per week.**

However, due to the cost of living crisis and financial difficulties people are facing, the school, with the agreement from governors, have decided that **school meals will be a cost of £1.00** for all children who pay for school meals.