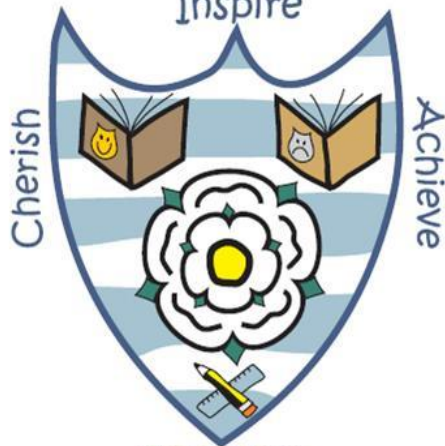


Birkwood Primary

Inspire



Together
School

SCHOOL MEALS POLICY

UPDATED SEPTEMBER 2016

Rationale

From 2013, any debts incurred for school meals will be paid out of the schools' budget for education.

Aim

The aim of this policy is to establish clear guidance on school meals in order to ensure that money received for the education of pupils at our school is not utilised unfairly to pay school meal debts incurred by a minority of parents/carers.

Awareness of Policy

Birkwood Primary School will ensure that parents are aware of this policy in the following ways:

- Provide a copy of the Policy at the beginning of each new school year
- Within the School Prospectus
- Copy on the School Website

This will ensure that all parents get the same message in a consistent way. This should be done at least once each year. All parents/carers should also be provided with a copy of the policy when their child joins the school.

Variety of meals on offer

Every day a variety of healthy meals are offered to the children to suit their tastes. All meals are accompanied by dessert. There is the choice of:

- Jacket potatoes with either warm or cold fillings
- Traditional hot dinner
- Vegetarian dinner

Pupils will select their choice of lunch and at lunchtime they will be reminded of their choice by the lunchtime staff. Termly menus are circulated to children and parents/carers by letter and the school's website (via a link to Barnsley School Meals website) to enable children to look at the options before school with their parents/carers.

Cost of meals

The cost of a school meal is currently £1.75 per day, £8.75 per week. Dinner money is paid into the machine in the entrance area of school.

Free School Meals

If you think your child may be entitled to free school meals, please contact Mrs White or Mrs Booth. Alternatively, you can contact the Benefits, Taxation and Income Contact Centre on 01226 787787 or the Barnsley Council website: www.barnsley.gov.uk and click on Schools and Learning.

Non-payment

Children will not be provided with a school meal unless it is paid for, except those that are entitled to free school meals.

Universal Infant Free School Meals for under 8s from September 2014

The Government has stated that all children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are to receive Free School Meals from September 2014. Your child will automatically receive a meal, however, if you do not wish your child to receive a meal then let school know and send them with a packed lunch.

Although infant children will automatically receive a free school meal, we're asking families who have a statutory entitlement to free school meals to complete an [application form](#) online at Barnsley.gov.uk so that we can check if the school is entitled to receive Pupil Premium for your child.

