



18th July 2023

Universal Free School Meals – Key Stage 2

Thank you to all the parents who kindly completed the recent survey to help us gauge the likely uptake of free school meals for children in Key Stage Two.

You will also have received a letter of the Mayor of London to regarding this programme.

We recognise that the Mayor's initiative will support many families who are struggling with the cost of living crisis and will be a great opportunity for children to access healthy, nutritious meals. It does however present us with some challenges. Space in our school kitchens for storing and preparing food is limited, as is the cooking capacity of our school ovens. We have been informed that this initiative is for one academic year in the first instance. To be able to deliver an expected increase in school meals for Key Stage 2, we will be reducing to a two-choice menu – please see a sample attached. This will be reviewed once the uptake of meals is known.

Ordering Meals for your Child – 31st August to 15th September

In order that we can plan for the number of meals we need to prepare and serve during the first two weeks of the new term, we are asking parents to provide us with a firm indication that their child will require a school meal.

This will help Harrisons with their ordering processes, ensure that kitchens are staffed sufficiently to cater for demand, and our schools can consider the logistics of accommodating and supervising a higher number of children in the dining hall.

Please can you complete the form (one per child who will be in years 3 – 6 for the next academic year) using the link below to indicate whether or not your child will require a school meal for the period shown above.

<https://forms.office.com/e/ESCZ89MHcg>

If you do not complete the form by **1 August 2023**, we may be unable to offer your child a meal during the first two weeks of term.

If your child has not previously had a school meal and has a specific dietary requirement, please complete the Harrison's allergen form attached.

Applying for Pupil Premium/Government Free School Meals

Whilst your child will receive their free school meal for the academic year 2023/24, it is really important that families who think they may be eligible for additional Pupil Premium grant, still complete the registration form on the London Borough of Bromley website. These extra funds allow our schools to provide additional staff, invest in equipment and resources, and provide children with targeted interventions and access to extracurricular activities.

<https://www.bromley.gov.uk/FreeSchoolMealsApplicationForm>

If you have any questions, please do contact us directly. We are always happy to help.

Yours sincerely

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