

19. FOOD & DRINK *including Free School Meals*

There is a section on the Admissions Form, **Form 2**, covering lunch arrangements, which we would be grateful if all parents/carers were to complete.

We operate a cashless catering system. A separate letter and form covering this process is included in this pack. This includes those entitled to Free School Meals.

Free School Meals

Information required for all parents/carers

Within this pack, **Form 5** explains entitlement and requests appropriate information.

We would ask all parents to complete the first part of this form and return it to the school. Where you have a child entitled to a free school meal we would ask you to complete the second part of this form even if you choose not to utilise this service.

All Free School entitlements will be entered on to the cashless catering system as soon as the school has received the appropriate information from parents/carers and this has been confirmed.

The cashless catering system will, on a daily basis, automatically allocate the appropriate accounts with the Free School Meal value. Students with Free School Meal entitlements remain anonymous at all times as all account types are accessed in the exact same manner at the point of sale regardless as to whether paid for or not.

The current daily allocation amount for Free School Meals is £3.00 and this can be used for breakfast, morning break and at lunch. Parents/students may add their own funds to this via the cashless system.

Please note: *Any monies not spent from the daily Free School Meal allocation will not be carried over to the next day.*

School Meals

Our caterer, Alliance in Partnership, a company that only works in the education sector, supplies catering services. The school does not seek to profit from this service and takes its remit of providing healthy and nutritious meals seriously.

The dining area is open at the following times:

- 0815 to 0845
 - For breakfast serving cereals, toast, hot food and drinks.
- 1105 to 1135
 - For morning break when a wide variety of hot and cold snacks, plus

fruit and drinks are available.

- 1335 to 1430 (*subject to change during examination periods*)
 - For lunch, serving a full range of hot and cold meals, deserts, snacks, fruit and drinks.

We encourage all students to use this facility as all food and drink served meets the nutritional standards laid down by the Department for Education.

During the lunch period 'meal deals' are offered to ensure that a full meal is available at a reasonable price, and throughout the year a number of promotions are held and 'new lines' introduced to ensure the offer remains competitive and interesting.

A link to Alliance in Partnership is available on the school's website, where you will be able to read more about their catering services:

<http://www.sirhenryfloyd.bucks.sch.uk/other-links/>

AiP's website address is:

<http://www.allianceinpartnership.co.uk/>

Packed Lunches & Other Items

Where a student chooses to bring their own food and drink into school **we would ask that parents/carers are mindful of the effect that items that contain high levels of sugar, preservatives and artificial colourings can have on both health and the ability to perform academically.**

Packed lunches are stored in a student's own locker so please also bear in mind that items brought into school will be out of refrigeration for a number of hours before being consumed.

Dining Area

The school has an area for students to eat in and this is extended during most lunch periods into the main hall.

Additionally a range of picnic benches and seating is available in external areas, whilst during warmer weather a restricted area of the sports field is open for students to relax on.

Sixth Form students are also able to use the catering facility in one of the two study areas available to them at morning and lunch breaks.

Litter

With food and drink comes packaging, and we expect all students to dispose of unwanted items in the appropriate bins, including those for recycling.

Students who litter the school premises and site will be given a lunch time detention where they will spend 30 minutes picking up litter.

RESTRICTIONS

Please note that **under no circumstances** may a student bring into school the following:

- Cans (*e.g. soft drinks*)
- Chewing gum
- Food or drink that is not for their own consumption – selling items to other students is not acceptable
- Glass (*e.g. bottles or drinking containers*)
- Knives (*of any description*)
- Nuts (*so as to minimise the impact on students with an allergy*)

In all instances the above items will be confiscated, and because the school does not have the facility for safe storage they will be disposed of. No refund or compensation will be provided for items disposed of.