

Tuesday 13th November 2018

Dear Parents/Carers,

Re: School meals at Riverside School

I am delighted to enclose a colour copy of our [Autumn Term menu](#), specifically written for Riverside School. This academic year we are also delighted that the STAR Multi-Academy Trust has negotiated a junior pupil meal price across the whole trust of just £2.30. Whilst this does result in a weekly meal cost of £11.50, it does still represent excellent value given the range of what is available (including a fully cooked meal) as well our generous portion sizes. If your child in years 3-6 takes up the school dinner option, it could also considerably reduce your family workload to prepare and cook in the evening!

Our catering team offer a nutritionally balanced menu, with many pupil favourites and considerable choice available on a daily basis. In addition to the main menu options, we always serve a sandwich of the day, which can be taken with side dishes and salad bar. There is also the option to have a jacket potato with all of the side options too. The daily salad bar has some 12 different salad choices including cooked pasta. We can cater for all special dietary requirements – just ask! Our catering environment is also entirely nut free. If you would like to know more about what is available or further discuss your child's needs, then please do not hesitate to get in contact with us.

We believe that what we have to offer is both superb value and nutritious. All pupils in reception, year 1 and year 2 are entitled to take a free school meal. This option represents nearly £500 of free meals per pupil across the full school year. We would therefore strongly urge all families to take up this free option and save your family money. If your child is in one of these year groups and currently taking a pack-up, we would welcome exploring future menus with you to encourage your child to have a school prepared lunch instead. Please don't forget that you can already 'pick and choose' – unlike some schools we allow our families to book in meals on a daily basis.

We have made some changes to our lunchtime routines to improve the dining experience for our pupils- this includes changes to timings for coming into the lunch hall for Key Stage 1 to reduce waiting time, as well as a KS2 rota for having a weekly turn for coming in to the hall to make sure this is fair for all our classes.

We are always happy to discuss the details of our school lunches. This half term, we will be hosting key Stage One family "taster" sessions. This is where we invite families into school to have a school dinner with their child/relative and these events are always very popular. The charge for each adult meal will be £2.76, payable as a one-off event in cash via the school office.

Reception families: [Tuesday 27th November](#)

Year 1 families: [Weds 28th November](#)

Year 2 families: [Thurs 29th November](#)

[Please complete the form below if you would like to join your child for a taster school dinner from 11.50 am -12.30pm.](#)

[Please come to the school office at 11.45am](#) **[Please return this form by Friday 16th November](#)**

[Please delete as appropriate:](#)

I/We [would like to attend the family taster meal for](#)

Reception/Year 1/Year 2 [On](#)

[Tuesday 27th November \(R\) Weds 28th November \(Y1\) /Thursday 29th November \(Y2\)](#)

Child's name : _____ Class: _____

Adults Name(s) : _____

[I enclose £2.76 cash with this form.](#)

[Please indicate any allergy/medical need:](#) _____

