



Victoria Park Primary Academy

School Meals/Milk, Snacks and Fruit

Lunch Time

Free School Meals

School meals are free for pupils in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2, under the Universal Free School Meals Programme.

Children of families receiving Income Support, Employment Support Allowance (Income Related) or Income-Based Job Seekers Allowance are entitled to receive free school meals.

If parents believe that their children may qualify for entitlement to Free School Meals they should contact the school office for more details. This allowance is a statutory right and it is important that parents use it if they qualify.

School Dinner Money

Dinner money for the whole week should be sent to school on a Monday morning or the first school day of the week. Children should not change from dinners to sandwiches except at the start of each week.

The cost of a school meal is £2.00 per day - £10 per week. Payable only on Monday or first day back after a school holiday.

An envelope with your child's name and class clearly marked on it is required for dinner money.

Debt Policy

If debts are incurred of more than £10, the school will no longer provide your child with a hot school meal. The children will be given sandwiches and water until the debt is cleared. If the debt is not cleared parents/carers must provide a packed lunch.

Packed Lunch Boxes

For those pupils that have packed lunch, please ensure that children do not bring in sweet or fizzy drinks to school.

Hot food is not allowed in packed lunch boxes, the reason being that food stored in ambient temperatures after a period of time can have increased levels of bacteria in them.

The school will, send any uneaten packed lunch food items back home. The reason for this is that parent can also monitor what their child has consumed during the day.

It is the responsibility of the parents/carers to provide an appropriate packed lunch container (clearly labelled with name of child and class) where food items can be stored securely and appropriately until the lunchtime period. Parents are advised to include an ice pack.

Breaktimes

National Fruit in Schools Scheme

In Key Stage 1, we participate in the 'National Fruit in School Scheme' where by all children up to the age of 7 years receive a free piece of fruit each day.

Snacks

In Key Stage 2, children may bring their own fruit or healthy snack.

Snacks are also available from the school kitchen, children should bring in money to cover these costs.

We value your support in this respect and urge you to ensure that children do not bring in sweets or chocolate in school.

Milk

Milk is the ideal mid-morning drink for your child and for many it's absolutely free.

School milk is free for children under the age of five.

The cost of a milk is 20p per day - payable termly (the cost varies termly due to number of school days). Please see school office for costs.

Drinks in School

Please do not send glass bottles, cans or fizzy drinks to school.

Fresh drinking water is available at all times in the classroom.