



Dear Parent/Carer

School Lunch updates

We would like to remind parents and carers that Chartwells are still providing school lunches (packed lunch option only for Term 1).

All children can be provided with a lunch, which is delivered to the classroom, and is **FREE to all children in Year R, 1 and 2 or any child in Year 3 – 6 who is eligible for income based free school meals**.

Freshly made sandwiches every day, either Ham or Cheese plus vegetable sticks (carrots or cucumber), a piece of fruit, a yoghurt tube and a homemade biscuit, plus a bottle of water. On Wednesdays, we also offer a picnic lunch with a sausage roll and pizza slice.

If parents wish to purchase a packed lunch, the cost remains at £1.85 per day and payments are made via parentpay. Remember there is no charge for any children in Year R, 1 and 2 or children in Year 3 – 6 entitled to income based free school meals.

Packed lunch is available every day of the week, and can also be requested on a Friday and taken home.

Pupil Premium – income based free school meals

The past 6 months have been a difficult time for many families across the UK, and we have seen an increase in the number of children now entitled to free school meals (Pupil Premium). Many families benefited from the Government supermarket voucher scheme and now continue to benefit from free lunchtime meals for their children.

Pupil Premium is additional funding for publicly funded schools in England to raise the attainment pupils of all abilities and to close the gaps between them and their peers. **Schools receive additional money for all pupils who register and are entitled to income based free school free school meals.** The additional funding is to ensure that we provide the best possible opportunities for children through additional support in the classroom, after school and lunchtime clubs, trips and additional resources.

To ensure we receive this additional funding, it is important that you register your child for free school meals even if s/he does not wish to have a meal. Similarly, you must register even if they are in Reception, Year 1 and 2. Universal free school meal entitlement for reception, 1 and 2 does not enable the school to receive Pupil Premium Funding.

You can apply for free school meals using this link: <https://www.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/medway/> or if you would like us to make an application on your behalf, please complete the Free School Meals application form on the website or e-mail your full name, date of birth and National Insurance number to office@twydallprimary.org.uk.

Yours sincerely
Twydall Primary School

