



CASHLESS CATERING

The school operates a cashless catering system. All pupils are issued with an ID card which must be carried at all times when in school uniform. This card can be loaded with money, which can then be used to purchase meals, drinks and snacks from the cafeteria.

Your child will be issued with their ID card when they start with us in September. Please note that for the induction day visit, the dining rooms will accept cash. For subsequent payments an on-line facility is available. This allows you to make payments direct from your bank account or from a credit or debit card. We do not accept payment by American Express.

You will be issued with a letter at the Transition Evening in July giving you full instructions of how to register and set up your account. If you have already made payments this year for an older sibling, you will be able to use the same account.

Free School Meals

If a pupil is eligible for free school meals, the value of the free meal, currently £2.40, is added to the card automatically each day – the method of payment is then no different to any other pupil. Pupils will also have the option to spend 50p on toast from the breakfast service before school if they wish to, which will be available at morning break if it is not used earlier. The balance after morning break will be made up to £2.40 so that a meal can be purchased at lunchtime.

Please ensure you re-apply for your child's free school meal entitlement in good time for the start of September, as it will not carry over from primary school.

Is my child eligible for Free School Meals?

Your child can receive free school meals if you receive one of the following:

- Income Support
- Jobseeker's Allowance Income based
- Employment Support Allowance Income related
- Support under the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Guaranteed Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit – as long as your letter shows you have an income of less than £16,190 and do not get Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit – your earned income must be less than £7,400 a year

Students aged 16-19 and attending Canon Slade Sixth Form may also be eligible providing you meet the criteria to claim. Please refer to www.bolton.gov.uk, Schools and Children and follow the links for more information on how to apply.

If you are eligible for any of these, please make a claim as the school will receive more money for your child.

An up to date catering price list will be available for your information at the Transition Evening. These prices are reviewed annually.