

Brampton Village Primary School School Meals

At Brampton we work in partnership with our caterers, Aspens, to provide appealing and healthy school meals. From September 2021 we are bringing our dining hall back into full use and the children will get to see Mrs Barley (our head chef) and the rest of the kitchen staff on a daily basis.

Each day we offer two hot lunch options – one is always vegetarian – and either sandwiches or a jacket potato. In total, there are four options on the menu each day. As well as a main course a dessert is offered, which could be a tray bake, a freshly baked cookie or cake, fruit, yoghurt or an ice cream.

The menu is changed once a year at present – our current menu, published on our website, runs to October half term.



Booking school meals

We ask parents to record school meal choices in advance, this includes where a packed lunch from home will be sent in. You can pick and choose any mix of school/home options, but choices have to be made by midnight on the Saturday before the applicable week.

Choices can be made using our electronic payment system (but don't worry, the meals are free in infant classes), selecting "menus" and selecting as appropriate.

The reason that we run a pre-booking system is that it speeds up the registration process substantially in the mornings, and helps us to get our orders in to the kitchen nice and early so that they can get cooking – really important given the number of children we have in the school now – so that everyone gets the lunch they want.



Special dietary requirements

Special dietary requirements should be recorded on a form which we can supply – please request one. For special dietary requirements which require rescue medication such as an Epi-Pen a doctor's letter is required. For gluten free diets, just the form needs to be completed.

Forms do not need to be completed for those wanting a vegetarian diet as there is always at least one vegetarian option on offer. If your child is a vegetarian, however, this was hopefully recorded on your

child's admissions forms. Please let us know if there is something you forgot to mention or if your child's dietary requirements change.

Details of allergens are available upon request.



Universal free school meals and Income-based free school meals

All children in our infant classes – reception, year 1 and year 2 – are entitled to a universal infant free school meal. You can of course opt to send in your own packed lunch, but we would encourage that you give school meals a go – they might not be quite how you remember them.

Please note that if you are entitled to free school meals because your income is low and you are on benefits, you should apply for free school meals using this website:

<https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/children-and-families/schools-learning/help-with-school-learning-costs/free-school-meals>

This is important because being eligible for income-based free school meals brings other benefits – the school uses the pupil premium money we receive to help fund uniform, educational visits, clubs and music lessons. During this past year eligibility for free school meals has also entitled families to receive supermarket vouchers during lock down or self-isolation. Universal free school meals did not qualify for this, so it is well worth applying.

