



## Hall Green School An Academy

18 September 2023

Dear Parent/Carer,

### Catering provision

As you will be aware, our catering is provided in school by Chartwells. We have worked hard over the last few years to improve the provision through pupil voice and tasting opportunities with very positive results.

Due to an increase in food prices, it has been necessary for Chartwells to increase prices of some items. Our latest prices and menus can be found on our website: [www.hallgreen.bham.sch.uk](http://www.hallgreen.bham.sch.uk)?

### Free School Meals

If your child is eligible for Free School Meals, please do ensure they are aware of this and take up their entitlement.

### *If your child is not currently on Free School Meals but you think they may be entitled:*

You may be eligible to claim for free school meals for your child here at school, up to the age of 16 years old, if you or your partner are in receipt of one of the following:

- Income Support (IS);
- Income Based Jobseekers Allowance (IBJSA);
- Income Based Employment and Support Allowance (ESA);
- Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999;
- Child Tax Credit, provided you do not get Working Tax credit and have an annual income that **does not exceed £16,190.00**;
- Universal Credit – your household income must be less than £7,400.00 per year (after tax and not including any benefits you get);
- Guaranteed element of State Pension Credit;
- Children who get paid these benefits directly, instead of through a parent or carer, can also get free school meals.

Please note you do NOT qualify for Free School Meals if you are in receipt of Working Tax Credit regardless of your income.

To apply for free school meal please complete the application form (link below) or alternatively you can ask at the school reception for an application form. Once completed please return the form to school, along with any evidence you may have that will support your application. We will then process your application through the Local Authority Online Checking Service (OFSM) and advise you of the outcome.

The form can be found on our website: <https://www.hallgreen.bham.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/05/FSM-Application-Form-2021.pdf>

## Allergies

It is vital that we are aware if your child has any allergies. Please do update us if anything changes through the year. Pupils are able to manage their allergies within the canteen by checking the allergen folder by the tills. Pupils should speak with a member of canteen staff if they are ever unsure about the content of food.

<https://www.hallgreen.bham.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/01/Secondary-Schools-Medical-Diets-Policy-Supplementary-Statement-v1-APR21.pdf>

## Canteen Cashless System

Hall Green School has a cashless catering system. The system allows us to provide a more efficient, faster and ultimately better quality of service.

This system incorporates the latest technology and eliminates the need for pupils to carry cash throughout the day. It is a biometric system in that it recognises the thumb of your child at the tills, to allow payment from your child's account for any items purchased. Payments are made online via ParentPay, a very secure website. In exceptional circumstances, i.e. if you do not have access to the internet, you can make a payment using a PayPoint barcode in a shop that accepts PayPoint. **Please note under no circumstances will cash be accepted at the tills.**

Yours sincerely



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