



George Street Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

School dinners – new menu from September 2026

Cleverchefs, our Caters have given us some information that we are sharing with you this week, together with the new menu for September. We are always grateful for any feedback on the dinners as we all strive towards every one of our children enjoying a healthy lunch each day in school.

As there was an increase in April 2026 to £3.30 per day so we do not expect any further increase until April next year. The new cost of a meal for our children in KS2 (Years 3, 4, 5 and 6) will continue to be £3.30 per day - £16.50 per week.

Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are still currently entitled to a free meal which is covered by a Government scheme UIFSM (Universal Infant Free School Meals). We have a number of children who do not currently take advantage of this scheme so if you would like your child to give it a try with the new menu this could be a good time. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to come in and speak to myself or the admin team.

Please note that whether your child receives a free meal, under the Universal Infant Free School Meal initiative, or if you pay for meals, your child can still choose a meal on a daily basis via the Gateway App. They can request a meal as little as once a week or as often as required.

There has recently been a change to the Free School Meals process and information has been included in our weekly notices so if you think you may be entitled please do apply, or call into the school office, where the staff will be happy to help with an application for you. If you are entitled to Universal Credits you are likely to qualify for Free School Meals.

If your child is in KS2, please make sure that school dinners are paid for in advance. Our preferred method of payment is via School Comms. Please speak to myself or the admin team if this is not possible.

Yours sincerely
Portia Ward
Business Manager