

School Meals Portal

Effective Monday 29th April

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Welcome to the School Meal Service Portal

Here you should find everything you need to know about our School Meals Service.

Unlike many other schools, our service is entirely managed and staffed within The King's; we do not use external caterers. All menus are designed to ensure compliance with current healthy eating guidelines. You will find full menu and pricing information later in this document.

The service is cashless, so that students do not need to carry money with them. Instead, parents can add funds to student accounts using *ParentPay*. (Note: students who qualify for *Free School Meals* will have £2.50 per day credited to their account.) Parents can exercise some control over how their children spend their money by specifying overdraft and total spending limits

Students then access their secure account using *biometric technology*. An explanation of this technology is provided [here](#)

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Serving guidelines

As a school, we promote healthy eating while recognising that most food types in moderation are acceptable. Although, in general, students are free to make their own decisions regarding what they wish to eat and drink, we do have a responsibility to our students to guide them where necessary. Thus, our serving staff have been instructed to refuse purchases which do not conform to our guidelines.

These guidelines may change from time to time. Our students will be made aware of these guidelines before they take effect.

Current Guidelines

Guidelines are currently being formulated

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ALLERGENS

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MENU INFORMATION – BREAKFAST AND BREAK

BREAKFAST

Food	Drink
Full Breakfast	Milk Shake
*****	*****
Breakfast portions (Beans, tomatoes, scrambled egg, poached egg, bacon rasher, Hash browns)	Suso
*****	*****
Sandwich / Baguette / Wrap	Calypso Juice

Cheese on toast	

Toast	

Muffin	

Yoghurt pot	

Fruit	

BREAK

Food	Drink
Breakfast portions (Beans, tomatoes, scrambled egg, poached egg, bacon rasher, 2 * Hash brown)	Milk Shake
*****	*****
Sandwich / Baguette / Wrap	Suso
*****	*****
Cheese on toast	Calypso Juice
*****	*****
Toast	Water

Muffin	

Teacake	

Waffle	

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Lunch – Price List

<i>Meal Options</i>	
Daily Choice	£1.10
Alternative Choice 1 (Burger)	£1.50
Alternative Choice 2 (Chicken Fajitas)	£1.05
Alternative Choice 3 (Hot Dog)	£1.60
Chicken Goujons	£1.50
Main Meal (Daily Choice with Potatoes and Vegetables)	£1.70
Main Meal Plus (Daily Choice with Potatoes, Vegetables and Dessert)	£2.30
Meal Deal One (Daily Choice with Potatoes, Vegetables and Dessert and Drink)	£2.50
Meal Deal Two (Alternative Choice with Dessert and Drink)	£2.50
Dessert	£0.90
Salad Pot	£1.60
Sausage Roll	£0.85
<i>Snacks and Add-ons</i>	
Jacket Potato	£0.90
Filling/Vegetable Portion	£0.40
Squares	£0.49
Pizza Slice	£0.90
Chips or wedges (small portion)	£0.70
Chips or wedges (large portion)	£1.40
Portion of vegetables, cheese or beans	£0.45
Garlic bread or bread roll	£0.45
Curry Sauce or Gravy	£0.20

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Breakfast and Break – Price List

Full Breakfast (Any 4 Items)	£2.00
Hash Brown	£0.25
Breakfast Portion (Beans, Mushrooms, Egg, Bacon, 2 * Hash brown)	£0.40
Panini	£0.80
Sandwich	£1.40
Deep Fill Sandwich	£1.55
Half Muffin	£0.35
Half Bagel	£0.35
Half Teacake	£0.35
Baguette	£1.70
Wrap	£1.70
Oatcake	£0.70
Cheese on Toast	£0.55
Toast	£0.35
Fruit	£0.35

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Drinks – Price List

<i>Drinks</i>	
Milk Shake	£0.60
Suso	£0.70
Calypso	£0.60
Water	£0.60

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Menu – Week One

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
MAIN MEALS	MAIN MEALS	MAIN MEALS	MAIN MEALS	MAIN MEALS
Chilli + rice ***	Cottage Pie ***	Roast Chicken ***	Curry + rice + naan ***	Fish and Chips ***
Meat and Potato Pie ***	Chicken Fajitas ***	Roast Ham ***	Sausage and Mash ***	Sausage Roll ***
Vegetable Chilli (V) ***	Macaroni Cheese (V) ***	Veg burger/brioche bun (V) ***	Vegetable Quesadilla (V) ***	Vegetable Frittata (V) ***
Mashed Potato, Broccoli, Carrots	Baby roasted potatoes, carrots, peas	Roast potatoes, cabbage, peas, carrots	Sweetcorn, peas	Peas, curry sauce, gravy, mushy pease
OTHER MEALS	OTHER MEALS	OTHER MEALS	OTHER MEALS	OTHER MEALS
Chicken goujons + spiral fries	Beefburger	Hot dog	Breaded burger	Pizza slice
Pizza slice	Pizza slice	Pizza slice	Pizza slice	Jacket potato and fillings
Jacket potato and fillings	Jacket potato and fillings	Jacket potato and fillings	Jacket potato and fillings	
DESSERTS	DESSERTS	DESSERTS	DESSERTS	DESSERTS
Selection of desserts, muffins, biscuits and fruit	Selection of desserts, muffins, biscuits and fruit	Selection of desserts, muffins, biscuits and fruit	Selection of desserts, muffins, biscuits and fruit	Selection of desserts, muffins, biscuits and fruit

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Menu – Week Two

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
MAIN MEALS	MAIN MEALS	MAIN MEALS	MAIN MEALS	MAIN MEALS
Spaghetti Bolognese ***	Chicken and Vegetable Pie ***	Roast Ham ***	Curry + rice + naan ***	Fish and Chips ***
Chicken Quesadilla ***	Cajun chicken + wedges ***	Roast Turkey ***	Shepherd's pie ***	Sausage Roll ***
Bean Burger +brioche bun (V) ***	Vegetable Bake (V) ***	Tomato Pasta (V) ***	Vegetable Stir Fry (V) ***	Quorn Burger (V) ***
Sweetcorn, peas, garlic bread	Mashed potato, broccoli, carrots	Roast potatoes, cabbage, peas, carrots	Sweetcorn, peas	Peas, curry sauce, gravy, mushy pease
OTHER MEALS	OTHER MEALS	OTHER MEALS	OTHER MEALS	OTHER MEALS
Chicken goujons + spiral fries	Beefburger	Hot dog	Breaded burger	Pizza slice
Pizza slice	Pizza slice	Pizza slice	Pizza slice	Jacket potato and fillings
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Biometric Technology

With effect from 29th April we will be introducing fingertip identification as part of our upgraded cashless catering system. This means that students will place their fingertip on a scanner whenever they are making payment for food or drink. This “finger image” is then translated in to a unique encrypted sequence of numbers and letters in such a way that it is impossible to recreate the finger image. **At no time is the finger image stored on any computer system.**

The sequence of numbers and letters is the students’ unique ‘digital signature’ and this digital signature is recreated each time the fingertip is scanned. **It is not possible for anyone to access or de-encrypt the digital signature.** This technology is very secure and is commonly used within secondary schools across the UK.

Legislation came into effect in September 2013 which requires permission for us to use this system biometrically. Parent and carers should by now have received a consent slip, which should be returned to us as soon as soon as possible.

The new catering system will continue to interact seamlessly with ParentPay.

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Overdraft and Spending Limits

Overdraft Limit

In principle, we operate on a “no debt” basis. In practice, however, when funds are for some reason, students will be able to incur an overdraft of up to £3. If parents would like a higher limit, they can select a higher overdraft of either £5 or £10. However, under no circumstances can the overdraft amount be exceeded.

Spending Limits

Students are not subject to any particular daily spending limit unless parents request such a limit.

Parents and carers were recently asked to specify any overdraft or spending limit required. Any parents/carers wishing to set a limit, but have not already done so, should contact Kathryn Phillips at the school.

For children receiving Free School Meals (FSM), any spending limit will exclude the £2.50 FSM contribution

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Healthy Eating Points

This is a new scheme which will promote healthy eating – details to follow shortly.

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ParentPay

We operate a cashless catering system, which means that students do not need to carry cash with them in school. Parents can provide funds for their child(ren) to purchase school meals by making electronic payments. This can be done using a very secure website called ParentPay. Each family has a secure online account, activated using a unique activation username and password; you will be prompted to change these and to keep them safe and secure as your username and password for future logins.

Already have a ParentPay account?

If you already have a ParentPay account, either with our school or another ParentPay school, you can simply login to that account and add your other children via the “Add a child” tab on your home page.

New to ParentPay?

You have a secure online account, activated using a unique activation username and password; you will be prompted to change these and to keep them safe and secure as your Username and Password for future logins. If you have not yet received your unique activation details, contact the school finance office (01782 783281) who will happily resend them to you.

If you have two or more children at a ParentPay school, you only need to activate one account to create your ‘main account’ and then add your other children via the “Add a child tab” on your home page.

To log in to your ParentPay account simply click on the ParentPay logo in the bottom left hand corner of this website. ParentPay holds an electronic record of your payments to view at a later date. Once you have activated your account you can make online payments straightaway.

Any parents wishing to pay cash rather than use an online system should contact the school finance office to request the option of paying via PayPoint.



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Free School Meals

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Free School Meals ~Application

Applying for Free School Meals

To download your Free School Meal application form, please click the link below. You need only fill in one form even if your children attend different schools. It may not be necessary to provide proof of the benefit which you receive, as your entitlement can be checked by the local authority using the National Free School Meals Eligibility Checking Service. In order that these checks can be made and your claim can be processed as quickly as possible, please make sure that you include your national insurance number and date of birth on the form. You should also note that by signing the form you are giving permission for the service to be used.

When you have completed the form, you should send it to the address shown at the bottom of the form. Alternatively, you can hand it into the school office, and we will send it on your behalf. If the checking service indicates that you are not entitled to Free School Meals, the local authority will contact you to provide recent written proof of benefit.

Help with your application

The Free School Meals service is administered by the local authority. If you would like further information, please contact us using the following information: **Email:** freeschoolmeals@staffordshire.gov.uk **Telephone:** 01785 854990

The team are open Monday to Friday normal office hours and don't close during the school holidays.

If you have any queries, ask at the school office and we'll do what we can to assist. Alternatively, you can email your queries to mtill@thekings.staffs.sch.uk.

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Free School Meals ~ Eligibility

Eligibility for Free School Meals

You can claim free school meals for your children if you receive any of the following:

- Income Support
- Income based Job Seekers Allowance
- Income Related Only Employment and Support Allowance.
- Child Tax Credit with an annual income of less than £16,190.
- The 'Guarantee' element of State Pension Credit Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999. (In this case, you will need to call one of the numbers below, where you will be asked for more information).

Please note, however, that your children will not qualify if you are receiving Working Tax Credit, regardless of your income.

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