

## School lunches in Year 3

Dear Parents and Carers,

This year it was decided as part of a drive to being a healthier school for all; we would adopt a system where all children have school lunches and packed lunches are phased out. All of our children up to year 2 are entitled to free lunches (UFSM) and they will simply continue to have a school lunch in September 2018.

This Year, our Year 3 took part in our new approach and this was very successful. Some feedback from our present Year 3 children:

They are so healthy  
and so tasty.  
T'shaya 3K

I love all the different  
foods we get to try.  
Racheal 3K

I like school dinners  
because the spaghetti tastes  
like my spaghetti at my  
house. Maximillian 3A

I like school dinners  
because they are  
delicious.  
Ariella 3A

Our decision was made because we feel lunchtime is a very important part of school life and having a hot meal will provide:

- Foods that meet the Government's nutritional standards
- Children the opportunity to try something new and become more open to tasting new foods
- A variety of options including vegetarian, vegan and halal food
- Good table manners
- An opportunity to develop good social skills

You can be confident that your child is having a balanced meal.

Schools must provide:

- at least one portion of fruit and one portion of vegetable with every meal
- high-quality meat, poultry or oily fish regularly
- bread, other cereals and potatoes regularly
- no more than two portions of deep-fried foods a week.

School lunches cost £1.80 per day we and feel this price is competitive and provides good value for money. If you are eligible for free school meals please visit

[https://ems.learningtrust.co.uk/CitizenPortal\\_LIVE/Account/Register](https://ems.learningtrust.co.uk/CitizenPortal_LIVE/Account/Register) and complete the form. If you would like support completing the form please see a member of our office staff.

Your child may be eligible for free school meals if you receive any of the following:

- Income support
- Income based Job Seekers Allowance
- Income related Employment and Support Allowance
- NASS support
- Guarantee element of State Pension
- Child Tax Credit, with an income of £16,190 or less where the household is not getting Working Tax Credit
- Working Tax Credit for the four weeks after employment ends.

This is a rolling programme and we hope by 2020 our whole school will be enjoying our freshly cooked school lunches.

Please complete the questionnaire that you can find on our website [www.daubeney.hackney.sch.uk](http://www.daubeney.hackney.sch.uk) so we can hear your views with regards to our school meals. The questionnaire will open on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2018 and will close on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2018. Your feedback is appreciated.

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Head of School