

Friends' School Lisburn
Year 8
SCHOOL MEALS Arrangements - 2020/21

School meals are produced on site by our contract caterers, Mount Charles and offer an appetising variety of hot and cold dishes and balanced menus. Our meals meet the Government's Nutritional Standards for school meals. School meals will cost **£2.90** in 2020 - 2021. **School meals will be available from 1 September 2020.**

Pupils' Meals Accounts – Cashless Catering

Friends' School uses stored biometric data or a PIN to identify pupils at the tills in the Dining Hall and to allow them secure access to their accounts. Account data is held centrally and there is no need for a pupil to carry a dinner card or ticket. The introduction of this system in 2012 has resulted in reduced queuing times. Please select your preferred payment option below.

The accounts for pupils entitled to **Free School Meals** will be set up to provide a balance of £2.90, each mealtime, as soon as we receive notification from the relevant regional office of the Education Authority NI. Enquiries about entitlement should be directed to the Education Authority NI. Please note that we are required to provide information about individual pupils' uptake of Free School Meals to the Education Authority to enable them to administer the free school meals scheme.

If you have any queries or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the School Office. Similarly, if your son/daughter needs assistance regarding any aspect of meals in School, he/she should come to the Office.

Pupils are provided with information explaining the operation of the School Meals arrangements at the beginning of their first term.

Payment for School Meals – Please Select an option below

Option 1

If you opt to pay for school meals within your School Bills account, the account will be opened with credit for the full year. This will cost approximately £527.80 for the year and will be billed in three termly instalments. School bills may be paid in full within two weeks of the start of term or, if you pay your school bills by Direct Debit, the cost can be spread over ten months.

Option 2 (Year 8 pupils only)

If you send £10 with the pupil on their first day in school (to be handed in during the Biometric scanning process)– 26 August 2020 this will be placed in your son/daughter's meals account as a starting balance of £10. Subsequent credits will be made, by the pupil, at the revaluation machine or at the school Office (cheques are accepted at the school Office).

Option 3

If neither Option 1 nor 2 above has been selected, the account will be opened with a zero balance. Initial credit can be added by the pupil at the revaluation machine in the Dining Hall. A minimum of £2.90 must be on the account before the pupil joins the dinner queue and you should be aware that we are unable to advance credit for school meals. **This will be the default setting if this form is not returned or cash/cheque not received.**

Pupil Name _____ **Collect** _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ **Date:** _____