

Useful info for children/parents to be told about the school meals system

FSM is £2.58 per day (this allowance doesn't accumulate if not spent on the day)

For £2.58 the Meal Deals available are:

Main meal of the day (meat or Vegetarian option) all served with a choice of either vegetables or salad and a 500ml Bottle of Water or tray bake.

Live cooking meal deal served with a choice of either vegetables or salad and either a 500ml bottle of water or a tray bake

Jacket potato and One topping (hot or cold topping) with salad and a 500ml Bottle of water or tray bake

Pasta Pot with one filling (hot or cold filling) with salad if requested, and a 500ml Bottle of water or tray bake

Cold Food Meal Deal: Sandwich (either cheese, Ham, Tuna Mayo, Chicken Mayo), 500ml Bottle of water or tray bake.

Cold salad box meal deal, 500ml bottle of water or tray bake

Breaktime hot food: - different choice everyday prices range from 0.60 to £2.50 depending on items available. Please note toast and jam, crumpets, and hash browns are not allowed to be spent using fsm money as is not substantial enough, we do have either hot baguettes, pizza, breakfast pots paninis etc at break so plenty of other more filling choices, plus the sandwich and salad box meal deal.

Basic needs to know: -

Cookies/Cakes/Biscuits/Crisps/cold desserts can NOT be sold on their own – only as part of a balanced meal. This is for ALL students, not just FSM due to the regulations set out in the school food trust guidelines.

FSM entitlement: this must be spent on food not just drinks – food must be purchased before **OR** at the same time as drinks – drinks cannot be sold on their own before food has been purchased.

For info: A drink can't be purchased on its own at breaktime then the child comes back at lunch to get the food because if we do this and the child doesn't come back at lunch we haven't actually 'fed' them (the FSM entitlement is to ensure they have food).

If **NOT** entitled to FSM, drinks Can be purchased on their own at break or lunch time

FSM allowance can be spent at break OR lunch but not both – one allowance of £2.58 once a day.

However, if the child brought a sandwich at break they can come in at lunch to buy a drink to use the rest of their allowance up. Or use additional money they may have on their account.

If additional money is added to an FSM account, the system will always take off the FSM allowance prior to the additional money, this cannot be overridden, which means if an FSM child comes in at break time wanting to buy a drink on its own using additional money unfortunately this can't be done as the FSM entitlement which is for food needs to be spent on food first.

Water is available for children to help themselves to through out the day using the water dispensers positioned around the school (they will need their own bottle to fill when use the dispenser).

All other items available are priced individually so purchasing combinations need to be budgeted for according to how much money the child has on their account. All items are priced clearly on the tariffs within the servery or in the notice boards in the canteen. All Student (and staff) **MUST** stop at the till before leaving the servery with any items – even if they are FSM their purchases **MUST** go through the till and the same at breakfast, although the breakfast is free it still must be accounted for by going through the till.