



Introducing the School Canteen

Students are welcome to bring in packed lunches or they can choose to purchase food in school (or both!). The food served in school is very popular and the feedback from students is enthusiastic, especially about the curry pots, paninis, and chicken wraps.

Paying for Food

When students start at Malmesbury School, they are issued with a lunch card which they can use to pay for food sold in school. This card can be topped up with money via Parent Pay, or they can use the machines in school if you prefer to send them in with cash. If you are set up on Parent Pay, you can also see what your child has purchased in school.

A main meal deal costs £2.25, but this does not include a drink or break time snack. Water is freely available.

Students who are entitled to Free School Meals receive £2.35 a day, which is automatically credited to the card. In this way, there is no outward indication that a student is in receipt of Free School Meals. Parents can choose to top-up this amount if they wish.

Budgeting

A new skill your child might have to get used to is budgeting the money you put on the card. It is well worth spending some time with your child talking about what is reasonable and how they need to spread out their spend across breaktime and lunch (and possibly breakfast). Students can easily fall into the trap of spending all their money on snacks at break, leaving them very hungry by the time they get to their afternoon lessons.

To help you practice this with your children, this document includes an example price list and example menus. Set them a budget and then work through what they might buy over the course of a typical day.





Your Expectations

One of the changes from primary school is that you may have less control over what your child chooses to eat. Providing students with greater autonomy in this area is an important part of them becoming more independent. However, it is a good idea to discuss with them what you expect. Key points to consider might include:

- Their daily budget;
- How much variety you'd like in their diet;
- Whether they are allowed to buy food for their friends.

Possible Problems

Working your way through potential problems and discussing what your child should do is a great way to alleviate their anxieties and make them feel more confident. With this in mind, what follows are some of the common problems that arise:

Your child has forgotten their card

The canteen runs a lot more efficiently when students have their cards, so they should do their utmost to bring their card every day. However, if they do forget their card and there is credit on their account, they can still purchase food.

Your child is spending too much money

If your child is struggling to budget effectively, it is possible to set up a daily spend limit on the account.

Your child finds that they do not have enough money in their account to buy food

If this happens, your child should come to Student Services and we will make sure that they do not go hungry that day.



My child has an allergy or food intolerance

If you have marked this on your Data pack, it will be recorded on your child's account. If they attempt to purchase anything containing these foods, the staff at the counter will be alerted and will not allow them to complete the purchase.

Example Price List

Breakfast Items

Croissant		.65p
Jam / Marmalade Portion		20p
Cereal		75p
Hash Browns		80p
Bacon/Sausage Rolls	From	£1.05
Filled Hot Baguettes	From	£1.80

Hot Snack Items

Cheese & Tomato Pizzas (Small)		£0.70
Cheese & Tomato Pizzas (large)		£1.10
Paninis Small (All fillings)		£0.90
Paninis Large (All fillings)		£1.80

Main Meals

See Daily Menu for prices

Jacket Potatoes & Fillings

Jacket Potato plain or with Butter		£0.70
Jacket Potato with single filling		£1.50
Jacket Potato with double filling		£1.80

Extras

Potato Portion		.60p
Chips / Wedges		£1.00/£1.10
Portion of Vegetables		.50p
Desserts		from.65p
Sauce portions		10p

Example Price List continued

Deli Selection

Pot of Salad from the Salad Bar	from	£1.40
Baguettes / Filled wraps	As Priced from	£1.75
Sandwiches	As Priced from	£1.45
Filled Rolls	As Priced from	£1.30
Pre-Packed Cakes		.70p
Freshly Baked Cakes	As Priced from	.70p
Jelly / Yoghurt		.65p
Fruit Pots		.70p

Drinks

Milk		.65p
Milkshakes		.80p
Pure Fruit Juice 200ml		.70p
Radnor Drinks		.95p
Suso Drinks		.95p
Bottled Water		.70p
Hot Drinks		.90p

Example Menus

Wednesday

Chicken Korma with Steamed Rice **GF**

Or

Cauliflower Cheese Bake **V GF**

£1.70 Meal Deal £2.25

New Potatoes

Green Beans

Or Baked Beans

50p/60p

Jacket Potato from £1.50 to £1.80 **GF**

V

Chicken Wrap with Mixed Leaf

BBQ or Sweet Chilli Sauce

£1.80

Selection of Sandwiches/

Baguettes/Rolls

Prices as marked

Potted Desserts from 65p

Grab and Go

Chicken in Black Bean Sauce with Egg

Noodles

£1.70

Thursday

Oven Baked Gammon Steak topped

with Pineapple

Or

Mushroom Stroganoff with Steamed

Rice **V GF**

£1.70 Meal deal £2.25

Parsley Potatoes / Carrots

Or Baked Beans

50p/60p

Assorted Pizzas £1.20

Pepperoni/Ham & pineapple/BBQ

Chicken/Bacon / Cheese & Tomato

Selection of Sandwiches/

Baguettes/Rolls

Prices as marked

Potted Desserts from 65p

Grab and Go

Pork Meatballs cooked in a Tomato &

Herb Sauce served with Pasta

£1.70