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Dear Parent/Carer



Free School Meals Entitlement

When your child joins us in September free school meals currently applied for through Dudley MBC will automatically continue. If you live outside of the Dudley Borough you will need to re-apply via Dudley MBC's Free School Meals Team. If you wish to apply please go to <https://www.dudley.gov.uk/residents/benefits/free-school-meals/>. If you need any further information please contact the Free School Meals Team on 01384 814988 or by emailing freeschoolmeals.benefits@dudley.gov.uk. Additional information is also available via our website <https://dormston.dudley.sch.uk/year-6-transition/>.

If your child is entitled to free school meals we feel that it was important to clarify their entitlement so that you are aware of our provisions for free school meals for your child. Any child in receipt of free school meals is entitled to:

- Attend our pre-school breakfast club from 8.15am in the River Café with breakfast options of pastries, toast, hash browns, cereal or porridge (currently up to the value of £1 per day) provided. Water/squash is provided free of charge.
- Receive a free school meal which includes a 'meal deal' consisting of a hot meal and dessert **or** a sandwich and dessert (currently up to a current value of £2.50 per day). The allowance does not include a drink as water/squash is provided in our school canteen.

To support the government guidelines on healthy eating, pupils are not permitted to use the free school meal allowance to solely purchase a dessert – we will only serve a dessert as part of the meal deal. Additionally, the allowance cannot be used to purchase drinks.

You can obviously provide funds for your child to purchase any additional items such as snacks and drinks.

Please be aware that the free school meal allowances are allocated on a daily basis and therefore if food is not purchased on one day, the value cannot be transferred or accumulated for a day later in the week. We hope that this letter helps to make the free school meals entitlement clear and allows us to support your child by providing a nutritious and balanced meal without allowing pupils to simply spend their allowance on smaller snacks.

If you have any queries with regard to free school meal entitlement please do not hesitate to contact Clare Hurst at school.

Yours sincerely

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