



School Lunches

LUNCHTIME

The school employs four lunchtime supervisors. Children may bring a packed lunch or have school dinners.

PACKED LUNCH

Please do not put more into your child's lunch box than you know they can eat. Children get upset if they have not finished all their food at the end of the lunch session. The school operates a Healthy Eating Plan and if possible your child's lunch should uphold this. Fizzy drinks must not be given. Lunchboxes should be labelled with your child's name. Please try to encourage your child's independence by giving the containers that are easy to open. If you have any concerns about lunchtimes please see your child's teacher.

SCHOOL DINNERS

Lunches are cooked in a central kitchen and served on the premises by a staff member of the catering contractor. A copy of the current three weekly menu can be viewed on the school website or a copy obtained from the office. On the days your child requires a school lunch, they will be asked for their meal selection in morning class registration.

From September 2014, all children in reception, year 1 and year 2 in state-funded schools in England will be eligible for free school meals.

From Year 3 dinners are paid for via ParentPay, the costs is £2.28 each. You will be given a password so that you can pay online or at Pay Points locally. Cash or cheques are no longer accepted for school lunches. Payments must be made in advance ready for the week ahead, it is up to the school discretion whether you child receives a school dinner if your account is not in credit.

DRINKS

Each child is issued with a water bottle, donated by the Friends of Ellwood, and is accessible throughout the day. The bottles are sent home each day to be refreshed and refilled with water. Please do not put squash or fizzy drinks in them. Please ensure your child's bottle is clearly labelled with their name.

COOLMILK

Cool Milk's aim is to provide every child in early years and primary education with the opportunity to drink fresh milk at school every day. The cost to those that are over five and not entitled to free school meals is usually around £15.00 a term, of which is paid directly to Cool Milk.