Lydgate Junior School

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Dear Parent/Carer

School Meals for the Academic Year 2026-27

The children return to school on **Monday 2 November** to week **3** of the **new school menu (attached alongside this letter).**

Along with the regular main choice, vegetarian meal and street food on Wednesdays, we have introduced the choice of either a ham or cheese sandwich on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

The cost of meals is to parents is **£3.15 per day**, £15.75 per week (5 meals) & £110.25 per half term (a meal daily, finishing on Friday 18 December). We would like to encourage parents to pay for meals for the half term in advance if possible, however parents can pay a minimum of £15.75 each time. We are aware that the price of meals to parents from £2.60 to £3.15 is a substantial increase. Over previous years school has heavily subsidised the cost to parents which unfortunately, due to budget constraints we are unable to continue to do.

A number of children at Lydgate Junior School are currently entitled to free school meals. If you are unsure of your eligibility for free meals and would like us to check please complete this electronic form. If you would like to speak to Sheffield City Council directly regarding your eligibility please phone Free School Meals on 0114 2735705 or 0114 2736401. The administration of free school meals within the school is strictly confidential.

Sheffield City Council does not accept payment for school meals in cash or cheque and we therefore ask parents to make payment for school meals using our secure online service, **Parentpay.**

Payment for all meals should be made in advance of the meals being taken. **Unfortunately, should payment not be received and this results in a debt of £31.50, (two week's meals) school will be unable to provide the child with a meal.**

Yours sincerely

R Hurding

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