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*** IMPORTANT HALF TERMLY NOTICE REGARDING SCHOOL MEALS ***

Autumn Term 1 - 2019

Dear Parents/Carers,

Now that we have become a cashless school, at the start of each half term we will be sending this letter home to all parents and carers. We hope that you find this a useful reminder and that it will clarify procedures in relation to School Meals. This letter is not applicable to those children who bring a packed lunch each day.

School Meals at St Raphael's are provided by TMBC under the Tameside School Meals Partnership (TSMP). The TSMP provide the opportunity for all children to enjoy a nutritious, balanced meal every day. Further information regarding the provision of school meals in Tameside can be found at;

www.tameside.gov.uk/schoolmeals

The screenshot shows the Tameside Metropolitan Borough website. The main heading is 'School Meals' under the 'Education' section. Below this, there is a 'Frequently Asked Questions' section. The first question is 'Only complete the application form if you are a Tameside Resident'. The questions listed are: 'Why choose school meals?', 'Universal Infant Free School Meals', 'How do I pay for my child's meals?', 'Free School Meals', 'How do I apply for free school meals?', 'I don't currently claim free school meals - what does this mean for me?', 'I am currently claiming free school meals - what does this mean for me?', 'Where can I get more information?', 'How often do I have to apply?', 'How is it paid?', 'What if my circumstances change?', 'Special diets', and 'What are the benefits of my child having a school meal?'. Below the FAQ, there is a section titled 'Why choose school meals?' which states that school meals offer a selection of freshly cooked main meals and desserts every day, often including pasta, salad, fresh fruit and yoghurt. It also mentions that a number of schools offer a pre-order system and that all meals are nutritionally balanced and served by friendly catering staff.

School meals are available to all children in school on the following basis;

- Nursery, Year 3-6 Inclusive - £2.30 per day / £11.50 per week payable to TMBC online.
- Reception, Year 1 and 2 – Free under the National UIFSM Programme operated by the DFE.

In addition, where a child meets the criteria set out by TMBC they are provided with a free school meal during their period of eligibility. Again, further information on FSM is available via the TMBC weblink above.

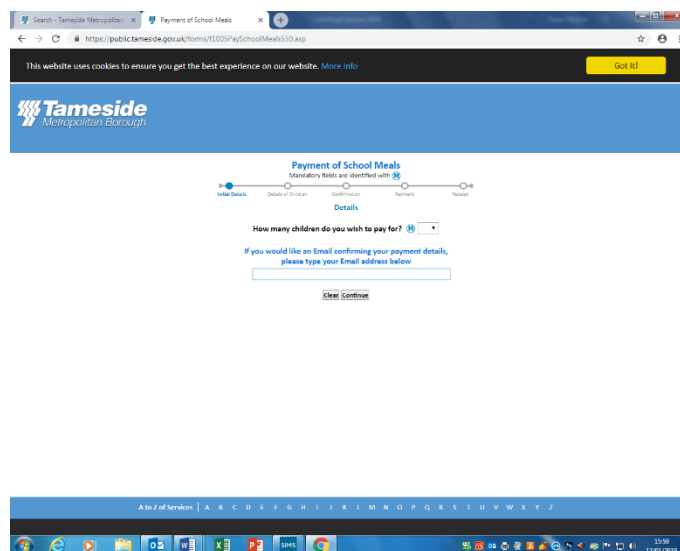
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If your child has a **PAID** for school meal in **Nursery or Year 3, 4, 5 or 6** the cost of providing this meal must be paid to TMBC, regularly and on a timely basis. Charges for this half term are as follows;

Autumn Term 1 = 38 Days
Total School Meal Payment per Child = £87.40

The easiest way to make a payment for school meals is on the TMBC website;

www.tameside.gov.uk/schoolmeals



This allows you to pay for school meals using your debit or credit card. All payments are receipted to you via email and school receive a payment notification for you child which is logged on the spreadsheet in school.

Please Note!

SchoolMoney does not collect School Meal Payments as these are payable to TMBC not St Raphael's

If regular payments are not made and a debt of £30.00 or more is accrued for your child or each child within you family receiving a school meal this debt is automatically transferred to TMBC and the debt management team for recovery – this is TMBC policy and not a school decision. Any debt of £30.00 or more which is transferred is then payable direct to TMBC and not to the school.

Furthermore, the cost of any unpaid school meals is still charged to school regardless of whether income has been received. Therefore, where unpaid fees reach £30.00 per child you may be asked to provide a packed lunch until the debt is settled in full.

In addition, we will be sending this letter home at the start of every half term as a reminder of procedures in relation to paying for school meals and providing a breakdown of the fees payable within that half term.

We thank you in advance for your support and co-operation in this matter,

Mrs C Fletcher
School Business Manager

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