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

Spring Term 2 - 2024

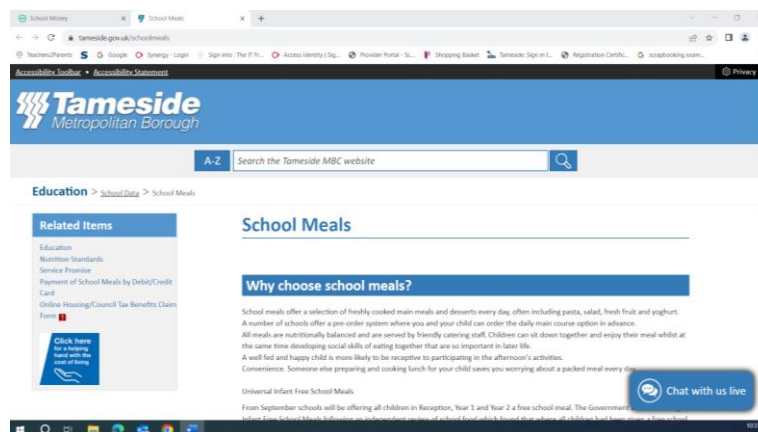
Dear Parents/Carers,

School Meals at St Raphael's are provided by TMBC under the Tameside School Meals Partnership (TSMP) and payment for school meals is made via the Tameside Website.

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.

The Tameside School Meals Partnership 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;

<https://www.tameside.gov.uk/schoolmeals>



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

- Nursery, Year 3-6 Inclusive - £2.95 per day / £14.75 per week payable to TMBC online.
- Reception, Year 1 and 2 – Free under the National UIFSM Programme operated by the DFE.

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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. Further information on FSM is available via the TMBC weblink above and parents can apply [here](#).

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 with a date in the 2022-2023 academic year, regularly and on a timely basis. Charges for this half term are as follows;

Spring Term 2 = 28 Days

Total School Meal Payment per Child = £82.60

Any absences for meals paid in advance will be carried forward as a credit.

All payments for school meals must be made 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 your child which is logged on the spreadsheet in school. Parents must keep copies of receipts for all payments made in the event of any queries.

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 2 weeks arrears per child you may be asked to provide a packed lunch until the debt is settled in full. [Please see the full policy in relation to Collection of School Meals Money and School Meals Debt Policy on the school website.](#)

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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