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

Spring Term 2 - 2025

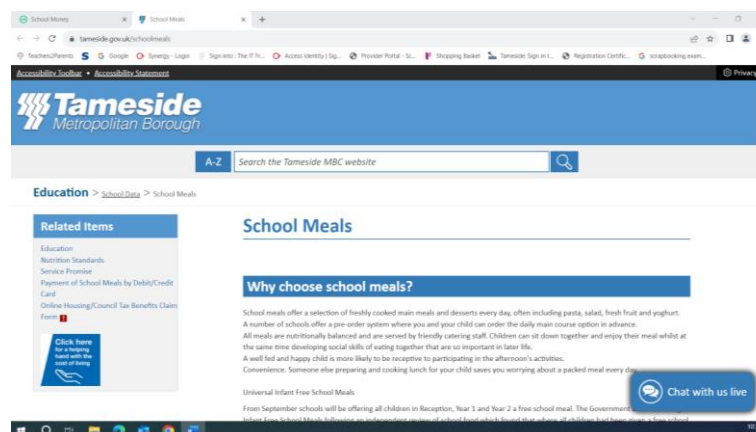
Dear Parents/Carers,

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 - £3.48 per day / £17.40 per week payable to TMBC online.
- Reception, Year 1 and 2 – Free under the National UFSM 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 2023-2024 academic year, regularly and on a timely basis. Charges for this half term are as follows;

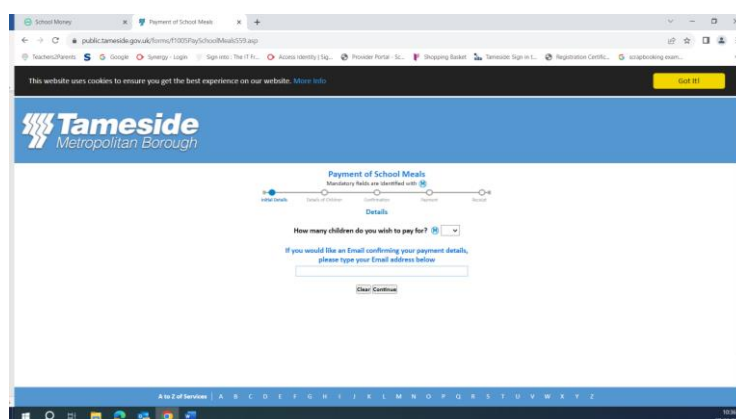
SpringTerm 2 = 37 Days

Total School Meal Payment per Child = £128.76

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

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL 'public.tameside.gov.uk/forms/10057/schoolmeals023.asp'. The page header features the Tameside Metropolitan Borough logo. Below the header, there is a progress bar with three steps: 'Details', 'Payment', and 'Receipt'. The 'Details' step is currently active. The form asks 'How many children do you wish to pay for?' with a dropdown menu showing '2'. Below this, it says 'If you would like an email confirming your payment details, please type your email address below:' followed by a text input field. At the bottom of the form, there is a 'Clear / Continue' button. The browser's address bar and various extension icons are visible at the top.

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 your family receiving a school meal this debt is automatically transferred to the debt management policy. [Please see the full policy in relation to Collection of School Meals Money and School Meals Debt Policy on the school website.](#)

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.

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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