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School Lunch Information – Year Three 2025/26

Dear Parents and Carers,

As you are aware, all children are entitled to a free school meal up until the end of Year Two as part of the government Universal Infant Free School Meals grant. As your child will be moving into Year Three in September, this free provision will come to an end and the lunches provided at school will carry a cost.

Parents/carers are welcome to send in a healthy packed lunch each day with their child if they prefer (please remember not to include any items containing nuts due to allergies) or your child can continue to benefit from the hot meal provision served at Green Ridge at a cost of **£3.45** per meal. If your child is eligible for Pupil Premium funding, they will continue to receive free school meals. If you think you may be eligible for Pupil Premium funding and free school meals (click [here](#) to check the criteria), then please contact the school office who will be able to provide you with an application form in order to check your eligibility with the Local Authority.

We are very lucky to have our own purpose-built kitchen, to which [Herts Catering Ltd.](#) make all our school meals using fresh ingredients and are cooked on site daily. They provide the children with healthy, nutritious meals designed for children by a nutritionist. The menu is published to parents/carers on a regular basis so you can see what will be available on any given day. The menu consists of a variety of meat options, vegetarian options, jacket potato options with various fillings (for our creatures of habit!) and cold options (such as a sandwich/roll/baguette/wrap). HCL also celebrate various occasions and incorporate these into their menu planning, for example, Christmas and Children in Need etc.

As well as informing the school, it is vital that you also inform HCL directly should your child have any allergies or dietary requirements as they may require a special menu. Further information about how to inform HCL can be found by following this [link](#). Please note that you will be required to provide medical evidence.

Meals are to continue to be ordered via SchoolGrid, and that is also where payment is made, to which you will be required to have a direct debit in place.

If you have any further questions, please get in touch with the school office.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs. Jen Fraser
Headteacher