

## GREENFIELDS JUNIOR SCHOOL

### SCHOOL DINNERS

School dinners at Greenfields are supplied by HC3S who provide healthy, balanced meals using local suppliers wherever possible.

Dinners are ordered on a day-by-day basis (i.e., children do not have to order for a whole week) at a current cost of £2.10 each. During each morning registration your child will be asked whether they have a packed lunch with them or would like a school dinner (menu options will be read out for them to choose as necessary and a menu is included in this pack so you can remind your child each morning of the options for that day).

If you lose your school dinner menu, copies can be collected from the information stand in reception or visit: [www3.hants.gov.uk/caterers](http://www3.hants.gov.uk/caterers). *Please note that picnic lunches are available in the summer term only.*

We ask that parents pay for school dinners a week in advance (£10.50), either \*online or by cheque *payable to Hampshire County Council*, sent in to school with your child to hand to their class teacher. You may also pay termly / half termly if preferable. **We do not accept daily cash payments.**

*\*Shortly after joining Greenfields, all new parents will receive a letter outlining how to set up an online account for their child which will allow online payments to be made for school dinners, trips and uniform. Parents may also use this facility to view details of dinners taken so far and a term diary is available to work out the cost if wishing to pay termly / half termly. We would ask that all parents/carers use this facility to avoid payments coming in to school.*

*If, for any reason, your child will be arriving late at school but will require a school dinner, please ensure you contact the office by 9:20am to place their order as dinner numbers need to be confirmed to the school kitchen by 9:30am.*

#### **Free School Meals – New Online Eligibility Checking System**

Hampshire County Council Catering Services (HC3S) has an online service so parents can check their eligibility for free school meals themselves.

This self-service option is available at: <https://www3.hants.gov.uk/hc3s/freeschoolmeals.htm>

Please note that the \*criteria for free school meals is the same, regardless of method of checking eligibility, but for the online service, all you need to do is enter your name, national insurance number or asylum number, your address and your child's details. Press 'submit' and you will find out if you are eligible.

*\*Free school meals are available to children whose parents/guardians are in receipt of one or more of the following benefits:*

- *Income Support*
- *Income-based Job Seekers' Allowance*
- *Income-related Employment and Support Allowance*
- *Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999*
- *The Guaranteed element of State Pension Credit*
- *Child Tax Credit, provided you are **not** also entitled to Working Tax Credit, and have an annual gross income, of no more than £16,190 as assessed by Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs*

If your result comes back 'found', this means your child is eligible for free school meals and the system automatically tells your school.

For more information, check out the web address above, or phone HC3S directly on:  
023 8062 9388