

20 July 2023

Dear Parents/Carers

## Aspens School Dinners 2023-24

Please find attached the Aspens school meal menu for the new academic year 2023-24.

There is a small price increase in meals from September, a paid-for pupil meal will rise to **£2.65** per child (an increase of 20p) and a nursery meal rises to **£2.00** per child (an increase of 40p).

As the cost-of-living crisis continues to bite, it is a challenging time for families as well as businesses (not least the education sector) with higher energy bills and rising inflation impacting food prices. With this in mind, Aspire has worked tirelessly with Aspens over the past few months to ensure school dinners remain affordable to all and our healthy, nutritious and attractive menus continue to deliver on quality and appropriate portion sizing.

A reminder that all Key Stage 1 (Reception, Year 1 and Year 2) pupils are entitled to receive a free school meal, regardless of what benefits are being claimed. This is part of the Universal Infant Free School Meals (UIFSM) initiative.

However, some children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 may also have an entitlement to benefits-related Free School Meals (different from UIFSM). Children in this group are also eligible for Pupil Premium – additional funding paid to the school to support your child in their learning. It is important to apply for benefits-related Free School Meals if you think your child may be eligible. This is so that your child's school can receive this funding. Please visit the Cornwall Council website by clicking [HERE](#) to check if you meet the eligibility criteria.

If your child is moving from Year 2 (KS1) to Year 3 (KS2) they will no longer be entitled to universal infant free school meals (UIFSM). However, if your child is already in receipt of Pupil Premium funding, school meals will continue to be free of charge. If you have a child who is about to start school and they have an older sibling who is already Pupil Premium, they will NOT automatically be entitled to the same - you must apply for each individual child.

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Your KS2 child may still be eligible for benefits-related free school meals if you, or the child themselves, meet the eligibility criteria. Again, please visit the Cornwall Council website for more information by clicking [HERE](#).

We hope that you and your child(ren) enjoy planning your school dinner choices for September. The 2023-24 menu will also be available on your school website shortly.

Best wishes

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