

The Round House Primary Academy

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Dear Parents & Carers

School Meals - Information for all parents with children moving into Year 3

We thought it might be helpful to clarify the situation regarding school meals now that your child is moving into Year 3. As I'm sure you are aware the government currently funds free school meals for all infant children in the first three years of school, however now your child is moving into KS2, this funding is no longer available, and any school meals taken will be charged for.

Each child in school has their own dinner money account which they carry through each year, up until the end of Year 6. Once children enter Year 3, these dinner money accounts start showing a charge of £2.65 (new price from September) for each day that a school meal is taken. Dinner money can be paid for online using our Arbor App/Payment Portal. If you haven't used Arbor before, the easiest way to access this is via the free Arbor Education app which is available for both android and iOS. If you have any issues setting this up, please contact the school office. Arbor can also be used for paying school trips. The children will still need to make their choice in the morning, and sign up for a dinner, as they currently do in Year 2. If your child doesn't want a school meal, they can still opt for a packed lunch. Apart from payments, the school meal system is exactly the same as the system they currently use.

For those families using Arbor it is quick and easy to check the balance of your child's account online. We do ask that all school meals are paid for in advance as we are unable to offer credit. If you are having genuine financial difficulties in paying for meals, you may qualify for free school meals, you can check this by applying online using this link: www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals Please see the attached letter from Cambridgeshire County Council for more information. With regard to snacks, Year 3 are no longer given a free piece of fruit from the government incentive scheme, as this is also just for children in the first three years of school. If your child wishes to bring a piece of fruit in to eat at break time, they are very welcome to, but it is not compulsory.

We hope this helps to clarify the situation but if you have any individual queries, please contact the school office.

Yours sincerely



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Headteacher

On behalf of The Round House Primary Academy (part of TDLPT)

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