

Lunch Payments : MCAS

18th September 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are writing to you about the introduction of our new payment system for lunches - My Child at School.

Some families are entitled to Free School Meals outside of the Universal Infant Free School Meal programme and this funding will continue.

These free meals are based on an assessment of household income and this is usually re-assessed annually. To check if you qualify for free school meals please click the link for further information <https://education.hackney.gov.uk/content/apply-free-school-meals>.

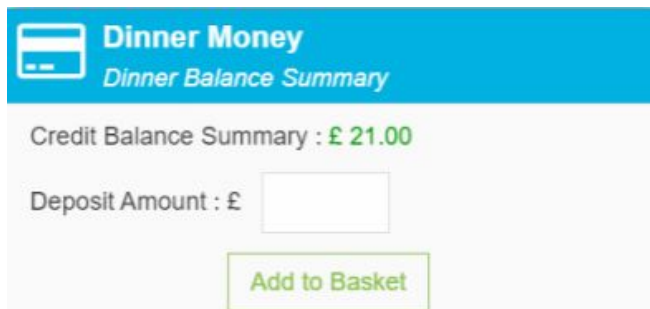
However, if you are not entitled to Free School Meals and your child is in Year 3 and above, we will need to charge you **£2.30 per day [£11.50 per week]** for your child's school meals.

For all school lunch payments we are using our new payment system My Child at School, which you can also download as an app.

iPal will continue to be used for the booking and payment of breakfast and after school clubs, when the PlayPlus services resume. You may be contacted via the school office to please clear any lunch debts on iPal, which remain outstanding for lunch meals during September 2019 - March 2020.

To complete payment for school lunches please do the following:

- Log into your My Child at School account
- Locate the Dinner Money widget



Dinner Money
Dinner Balance Summary

Credit Balance Summary : £ 21.00

Deposit Amount : £

[Add to Basket](#)

- Key in the amount you wish to add to your child's lunch account
- Click add to basket
- Your shopping trolley will display 1 item in your basket
- Click your basket
- Select the green checkout

- Enter your payment details
- Once the payment has gone though you will receive a confirmation message and your Dinner Money widget will display your new balance

Please note : Childcare vouchers cannot be used as payment for any school meals.

Outstanding lunch balances will be chased often, with prompts and reminders being sent to parents. We do advise if you are experiencing any difficulty, please contact the school office to avoid any debts being accrued to the school. Failure to do so will result in your account being escalated to our Senior Leadership Team.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

Thank you for your continued patience while we were completing the transition to MCAS.

Kind regards,

M. Lewis

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Senior Administrator