



# BEARWOOD Primary and Nursery School

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Dear Parents & Carers,

## **SCHOOL MEAL ORDERING FROM SEPTEMBER. CHANGE OF PROVIDER**

Following the decision by Chartwells to close their Poole / Bournemouth operations hub, we have been made aware that they will no longer be able to provide our hot school meals. We have been working hard to secure a new provider and we are delighted to be working with **Star Cuisine** from September. As such, the method of ordering your child's meals will also change.

Unfortunately due to technical issues you will not yet be able to order via your MCAS app as previously advised but will need to complete the forms contained within the accompanying email for the first three weeks of term please.

### **Reception, Year 1, Year2:**

All children in these year groups are entitled to Universal Infant Free School Meals and as such the meal price will be set as zero for your child.

### **Year 3-6**

The meal price will not change from Chartwells and remain at £2.40. We have made this decision to shield parents as much as possible from the UK wide price rises and cost of living crisis. If your child is entitled to free school meals, your price will be set as zero. If you are ordering meals for September we will organise payment when we are back in school after the holidays, you do not need to pay in advance for the start of term.

### **Free School Meals / Universal Infant Free School Meals: The difference**

Many parents confuse Universal Infant Free School Meals (UIFSM) and Free School Meals (FSM). All children in YR- Y2 are entitled to a free meal at lunchtime this is the UIFSM. Those parents who are entitled to government benefits will often find they are entitled to FSM regardless of their year group. FSM children also attract additional funding for the school, so it is important that ALL parents, regardless of year group, that may be entitled to FSM apply via [Pupil Premium - Bearwood School](#). This ensures the school get the maximum amount of funding in that academic year.

If you have any questions or need assistance, please contact the school office email [school@bearwood.poole.sch.uk](mailto:school@bearwood.poole.sch.uk)

Yours faithfully

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