



# **INSPIRING FUTURES PARTNERSHIP TRUST**

## **HOT SCHOOL MEALS POLICY**

Policy Type	Health and Safety
Updated by	Victoria Morris
Updated in	April 2019
Review due	April 2021

## Hot School Meals Policy

The Children and Families Act 2014 places a legal duty on all state-funded schools in England, including academies and free schools to offer a free school lunch to all pupils in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 from September 2014.

Existing entitlements to free school meals for disadvantaged pupils in nursery classes and at Key Stages 2 to 4 will continue, based on the existing free school meals eligibility criteria for those groups of pupils.

The legal requirement on schools will be to provide a lunchtime meal that meets the School Food Standards. It is expected that pupils will routinely be offered a hot meal option.

Schools are expected to offer FSMs to all infant pupils, but are not expected to make take-up of meals by infant pupils mandatory. Schools have the freedom to set their own policies in relation to packed lunches, and that will not change.

Pupil Premium: the same criteria currently used to assess FSM eligibility (i.e. receipt of qualifying benefits) will continue to be used to assess whether a pupil qualifies for the pupil premium. Data on FSM-eligible pupils will continue to be collected by the department annually, through the School Census

At Inspiring Futures Partnership Trust:

- All KS1 and FS children have access to a free hot meal at lunchtimes.
- We work with our caterer to make reasonable adjustments to the menu in order to accommodate food allergies and special diets.
- Families have the choice of meat, halal meat, vegetarian or jacket potato each day (to be pre-ordered). The meals are provided alongside salad, drinking water and a dessert.
- All pupils are strongly encouraged to try new foods and take up the hot food option.
- Staff will monitor, upon request from parents, the meal consumption of particular children for an agreed period of time, where there is some concern.
- After an agreed period of monitoring and encouragement, parents may choose to opt out of the hot meals, if there hasn't been any improvement in the situation. This should be addressed to the Vice-Principal with one week's notice and will be seen as a last resort.
- Should families wish to opt out, this needs to be on an "all or nothing" basis. We are unable to accommodate requests to only have free school meals on certain days of the week, except where it is a reasonable adjustment for disability.
- Families may opt back in at a later date, with one week's notice if they wish.
- It is not possible for the school to claim funding for the free school meals if a child is bringing a packed lunch from home.

### Confidentiality Notice

This document and the information in it are provided in confidence, for the sole purpose of Inspiring Futures Partnership Trust, and may not be disclosed to any third party or used for any other purpose without the express written permission of Inspiring Futures Partnership Trust.

Any form of reproduction, dissemination, copying, disclosure, modification, distribution and or publication of this material is strictly prohibited