

Ridgeway Infant School is a safe happy, place where everyone does their best!

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PROVISION OF SCHOOL MEALS POLICY

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UNIVERSAL FREE SCHOOL MEALS

In September 2014, the Government introduced the Universal Free School Meals initiative where all state funded infant children (i.e. those in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2) are entitled to receive a free school lunch every day.

Whilst parents/carers can decide whether their child has a school dinner or packed lunch (from home), in line with the Government initiative, we want to encourage as many of our children as possible to have a school dinner on a daily basis. This means:

1. All children at Ridgeway Infant School are positively encouraged to have a school dinner on a daily basis.
2. As we encourage children to have a school dinner, changes from a packed lunch to a school dinner can be done immediately.
3. If you or your child wants to change from school dinners to packed lunch then parents/carers must complete a change of dinner arrangements form available from the school office.
4. A minimum of two weeks' notice is required to change from school dinners to packed lunches. This is required as the kitchen orders are processed in advance and accurate numbers are required when ordering.

Our meals will continue to be supplied by Village Primary School. Village Primary School adheres to the School Standards under the Requirements for Schools Regulations 2014 which came into force on 1st January 2015. A list of foods related to allergens is displayed in the kitchen, on the school website and app.

Our menu will be displayed in the notice boards around school, on the website at www.ridgewayinfantschool.org.uk and on the school app.

It is parents and carers responsibility to advise staff of any specific dietary requirements that their child may have. We are able to cater for medical diets for pupils. A form is available to apply and must be accompanied with a medical referral or a letter from a GP or paediatric dietitian.

We try to involve parents and carers with school dinners too! When your child starts in Reception you are invited in to school to have a school dinner with him/her at the start of term. We also hold birthday lunches – if it is your child's birthday you or another adult from your family are invited to join your child to make it a special occasion. In addition we also have themed lunches to encourage children to have a school dinner.

Derby City Council awarded Ridgeway Infant School a 5 star food hygiene rating following an inspection of the premises on Wednesday 11th April 2018.

Policy reviewed 11th May 2018
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