



Frequently Asked Questions – School Catering Changes

Why is the school changing to a new catering provider?

We want to ensure quality and nutritious meals that reflect the needs and tastes of our pupils. Working with Kingsleigh Primary gives us greater flexibility and allows us to respond directly to feedback.

Will the cost of school meals change?

We aim to keep meal prices affordable but will have to increase the price from £2.75 to £2.80 for 2026/27. Please note that Universal Infant Free School Meals (UIFSM) will still be available to children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. If your child is eligible for free school meals, this will also remain unaffected.

Will there still be options for children with allergies or dietary needs?

Yes. The catering team at Kingsleigh Primary School in partnership with Educatering are trained to support a wide range of dietary requirements, including allergies, intolerances, and religious or cultural diets. Please ensure the school holds the latest information about your child's dietary needs.

What will the new menus look like?

Menus will include a main hot option, vegetarian meals, pasta, jacket potatoes and a picnic option and will include fresh fruit and vegetables. A sample menu will be sent out with this letter and will also be available on the school website in the coming weeks.

Will meals still meet government nutritional standards?

Yes. All meals will meet the School Food Standards set by the Department for Education, ensuring a healthy, balanced meal every day.

Can I still send my child with a packed lunch?

Yes. However, we encourage pupils and families to explore the new school meal options before making this switch.

Who can I contact if I have more questions?

If you have any further questions, please contact the school office or email school@talbot.poole.sch.uk

