



8<sup>th</sup> September 2025

Dear Families

## School Meals

At Wells, we are committed to supporting our students' wellbeing and ensuring they are ready to learn each day. That's why we have a number of initiatives in place to support students, including:

- **Free Breakfast Club:** Open every morning at 8am, offering a variety of breakfast options in a welcoming environment.
- **Grab and Go on the Gate:** Every Monday and Friday, students can collect free fruit, cereal bars and pastries at the school gate to enjoy on the way into school.
- **Lunch Options:** Our dining hall is open during lunchtime, offering a range of healthy, affordable meals and snacks.

We believe no student should go hungry. Therefore, if a student arrives without money on their account on the first day, they will not be denied a meal. However, from the second day onwards, if there are still no funds available, we will be unable to provide food from the Dining Hall. **We strongly encourage all families to regularly check and top up their child's ParentPay account to ensure sufficient funds are available.**

### Free School Meals

If you are facing financial difficulties, please note that your child may be eligible for Free School Meals. You may qualify if you receive any of the following:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on: paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit: if your household income is less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including benefits)

If you believe you might be eligible, please complete the Free School Meals application form, which can be found [here](#). New Year 7 students must complete an application, even if they believe they are already eligible due to transferring from a primary school. Activation letters will be given to students on their first day back. Meals taken whilst accounts are being set up and funded will require immediate payment. If you need any support completing this form, please don't hesitate to contact us. We are here to help you.

**If your child is not eligible for Free School Meals, it is essential that you ensure their account is kept in credit.**

### Holiday meal vouchers

Please note that Nottingham City Council have been in touch with us to explain that due to a reduction in



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funding from the Household Support Fund (HSF), they are unfortunately no longer able to provide Free School Meal vouchers during school holiday periods. We understand that this change may have a considerable impact on families, especially during times when children are not in school and access to meals may be more limited. We encourage families to check with local community organisations and food support services, which may be able to offer help. Additionally there is further information regarding support available within Nottingham on the Nottingham City Council website: [Household Support Vouchers - Nottingham City Council](#).

If you have any questions or if you need help with Free School Meals applications or ParentPay, please contact our admin team at [admin@wellsacademy.org](mailto:admin@wellsacademy.org).

Thank you, as always, for your support.

Yours sincerely

Mr G Coles  
**Principal**