

## SCHOOL MEALS

At Maiden Erlegh School we have a half hour 'snack break' rather than a longer 'lunch hour', where students can either purchase a meal or eat their own packed lunch. Drinking water is available in the Dining Room and students are also encouraged to bring in a plastic water bottle for use throughout the day.

### School Meals

All students have the option of purchasing food in the Dining Room during their snack break. We offer a 'meal of the day' together with a choice of snacks including jacket potatoes, wraps and salads. The school website has details of our current menu.

If your son/daughter is eligible for Free School Meals, you will need to complete the relevant form which is contained in this pack. Once this has been processed your son/daughter will then be able to access the 'meal of the day' or snack to the equivalent value.

A price list for the autumn term will be available on the school website before the start of term so that you can judge how much your son/daughter will be spending. The usual amount for a meal is about £3.00 which will be paid using ParentPay our cashless payment system. *Please note that we do not accept cash.* Further information about ParentPay will follow in due course.

### Guidelines for Packed Lunches

In line with most schools, we ask that students do not bring in food containing nuts (e.g peanut butter) as we have several students with nut allergies. We would also encourage a healthy choice of food to match the healthy options we aim to provide for pupils buying a meal. Drinking water is available in the Dining Room and there are healthy option drinks available to purchase as well. No cans or glass bottles should be brought into school.

Students are encouraged to feed back to the school about all aspects of the snack break. This is normally done through the year group representatives on the School Council.