



Menu Plans

The school kitchen offers a choice of hot meals and salads every day. Lunches are cooked in the school kitchen and the children are offered a choice of meat and vegetarian main dishes, vegetables, salads and desserts. Non-halal and halal meat options are provided. Menus are updated each term, for further details see the current menu plan on the school website.

Packed Lunches

For those children who prefer to bring a packed lunch please ensure it is in a clearly named lunch box. We ask that parents and guardians provide their children with a healthy and nutritious lunch. The school is committed to a healthy eating ethos and does not permit pupils to have sweets, crisps or fizzy drinks at lunchtimes. We expect parents/guardians to support our efforts in helping children to be healthy. Children are allowed to bring in a small treat in their lunch on a Friday. For further information, please see the Healthy Packed Lunch leaflet.

Payments

Please note for the academic year 2024 – 2025, the Mayor of London has committed to pay for school meals for all children in Primary School.

The daily cost of a school meal is £2.87 per pupil, payable in advance.

The weekly cost is £14.35 per pupil.

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 receive free school meals as part of the Government's Universal Free School Meals Scheme.

You can make you can pay online via the school website; you will need to register on the website to access the online payments system. Please see below:

The screenshot shows the TUCASI login interface. At the top left is the TUCASI logo, and at the top right is the Richard Cobden Primary School logo. Below the logos is a blue header bar. The main content area has a 'Shipping Tool' link, followed by the 'Login' heading. There are two input fields: one for the username and one for the password. Below the password field are three buttons: 'Login', 'Register as a new user', and 'Need help?'. Under the 'Need help?' section are three links: 'I've forgotten my password', 'I can't verify my email address', and 'Report an issue to Richard Cobden'. At the bottom, there are three links: 'Quick reference guide - Account activation process', 'Video guide - Account activation process', and 'See our frequently asked questions'.

Applying for Free School Meals

Your child might be able to get free school meals if you get any of the following:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Universal Credit – your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including benefits)
- Child Tax Credit with a taxable income of no more than £16,190 and not in receipt of Working Tax Credit
- The Guaranteed Element of State Pension Credit
- Support from the National Asylum Support Service (NASS)

If you receive Working Tax Credit you will not be entitled to free school meals unless you have:

- Stopped work in the last 4 weeks
- Reduced your hours to less than 16 hours in the last 4 weeks

The Camden Benefits Service would like all parents to complete an online form, please go to:

<https://www.camden.gov.uk/free-school-meals>

You will only receive Free School Meals once we have received confirmation from the Camden Benefits Service that you are eligible. They must have an application for FSM in order to carry out any checks. They cannot authorise the backdating of FSM to a date prior to them receiving the form.

You only have to apply for Free School Meals once for your child's time at the school. You must contact the Camden Benefits Service if your circumstances change.

If you are unable to gain internet access, please ask for a paper copy. Please note that this method will take longer to process and you may have to pay for your child's meals in the meantime.

If you have previously applied for FSM but did not qualify, and your circumstances have changed, meaning you might now be eligible; you DO NOT need to complete a new form.

Please contact the Camden Benefits Service and they will do another check and let you know if there has been a change.

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Please do apply if you think you may be entitled to free school meals even if your child will be having a packed lunch. The school gets additional income for teaching and learning purposes according to the number of pupils who are entitled to free school meals.