



Nailsea School

# Cashless Catering Policy

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## **Cashless Catering Policy**

### **1. Rationale:**

- 1.1 The school has a catering payment system that allows students to make purchases from the refectories through a card system
- 1.2 Parents are encouraged to top up their child's card through an on-line payment system that also allows them to monitor what is being purchased by their child
- 1.3 The school buys into the Healthy Schools Foods Policy to supply all students with a healthy diet
- 1.4 The school is required to provide a Free School Meal (FSM) to those students as notified to them by the local council

### **2. Purpose:**

- 2.1 To allow parents to monitor expenditure and restrict purchases of selected items should they wish to do so
- 2.2 To provide students with access to nutritious food in line with the guidelines of the Schools Food Standards (SFS)
- 2.3 To ensure students do not over indulge in certain items made available or are being bullied into purchasing food for another individual
- 2.4 To ensure students entitled to FSM are using their daily allowance for themselves and consuming food and drink in line with SFS guidelines
- 2.5 To ensure students entitled to FSM are not identifiable by other students

### **3. Guidelines:**

- 3.1 On joining the school every student will be provided with a school card which will enable them to purchase food & drink from the refectories. It will be the responsibility of students to purchase replacement cards lost or deliberately damaged as all purchases should be by card
- 3.2 Parents are encouraged to create an on-line account to enable them to add funds (subject to a minimum amount), restrict amount spent per day, restrict selected items and view what is being purchased. Funds can also be added to the card within the school through specialist top up points for those parents that do not wish to use an on-line account.
- 3.3 Students entitled to a FSM will have their accounts credited each day with funds equivalent to the value of a two course meal, any unused funds on a day will be automatically removed by the system at the end of the lunch period
- 3.4 The school will reserve the right to restrict certain items to students on FSM to ensure they are using their allocated funds in line with Government recommendations on healthy eating.
- 3.5 Catering staff will treat individual students sensitively where restrictions have been placed on a card, whether by parents, or the school with regard to FSM students. Should staff deem excessive amounts of a single item are being purchased by an individual, outside of that considered within the healthy eating guidelines, or considered not for that student's consumption, purchases will be denied.
- 3.6 Where students entitled to a FSM are on a field trip and therefore not present during lunch then the organiser of the trip will be responsible for arranging for a packed lunch to be produced (min 24 hrs) and collected from the main kitchen prior to departure

### **4. Review:**

- 4.1 This policy is reviewed at 3 yearly intervals and will be next reviewed July 2022 for implementation September 2022
- 4.2 The chair of Resources Committee and Business Manager are responsible for the review.

**5. Related Documents:**

- 5.1 Standards for School Food in England (Mar 2019)
- 5.2 School Meals Healthy Eating Standards (Jan 2015)
- 5.3 EFA – Free Meals in Further Education (2014)
- 5.4 The School Food Plan (July 2013)