



School meals

September 2026

This document gives you information about school meals at McAuley.
The catering service at McAuley is contracted to Doncaster Schools catering.

What food is available during the school day?

There are several options for students to buy food during the day. At break time snacks are available, these include; potato wedges, chicken nuggets, waffles, garlic bread, sausage rolls, and other options are added/changed every week.

At lunch time students can choose from :

- Sandwiches and Paninis – A variety of sandwiches, rolls and paninis are available every day with a selection of fillings, meat and vegetarian options.
- 'Grab and Go' – these are a selection of 'smaller' bites that include; pizza, calzone, chicken burgers, chicken wings, jacket potato, tortilla chips and many more.
- Meal of the Day – a set meal option each day which allows students to have a main course and pudding.
- Drinks – drinks are available at all food serving areas, water, cartons of juice and sugar free fruit fizz and milkshakes are all available.

Cashless Payment System

The school operates on a Cashless Payment system which

- facilitates a more efficient, faster and, ultimately, a better quality of service to students
- reduces the amount of cash that students are required to carry in school each day
- ensures students who access free school meals are treated fairly and equitably
- provides greater transparency for parents on their child's use of lunch money

To pay for school meals:

Online payments via our SchoolGateway – this removes the need for students to bring cash to school

You will need to register with 'SchoolGateway' after the 1st September to make online payments



School Gateway Account

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You will need to set up an account via our School Gateway – this is the preferred method that removes the need for students to bring cash to school.

YOU WILL NOT BE ABLE TO SET UP AN ACCOUNT UNTIL 1ST SEPTEMBER 2026



Free School Meals

Students who receive free school meals automatically have a daily credit added to their account to enable them to purchase a 2-course meal. You can check if you are eligible to claim free school meals by visiting the Doncaster Council website.

Your child may be eligible for free school meals if you are in receipt of one 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 guarantee 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 - for 4 weeks after employment finishes
- Universal Credit

If you meet this criteria then please apply using the link below
<https://www.doncaster.gov.uk/doitonline/free-school-meals>