



Coronavirus Update 3 - Thursday 27th August - School Lunches

Good Evening

This is my third update out of four. Hopefully tomorrow will be my last one and you can enjoy the bank holiday in peace!

This evening I would like to update you on how we will be organising lunch for our 490 pupils. It is normally a military operation to feed such a huge amount of children but Covid-19 is certainly testing our organisational powers!

The Government have requested that we have staggered lunches helping to maintain our class bubbles but without compromising any teaching time. Therefore lunch for the entire school is taking over 2 hours but your child will only have the usual 50 minute lunchtime.

We will be providing hot meals for children in Year 1 - 6 who wish to have them. (Y1 and Y2 will still receive the Universal Free School Meals). However, initially we are not doing any hot puddings, instead there will be a choice from fruit, ice cream, biscuits or yoghurt depending on the day. Once the kitchen are used to the new working procedures we will endeavour to reintroduce the hot puddings.

Our new reception children will be having grab bags in their bubbles for at least the first half term. This will consist of a combination of sandwich, biscuit, fruit, yoghurt etc. The choice of sandwiches will be given the day before so that the kitchen can begin making them first thing the following morning. The choice will be between egg, cheese or tuna. Again the kitchen are hoping to develop the choices as they become more used to the new way of working and will give the children more options.

Water and milk will be available every day in bottles/cartons rather than poured from jugs. Juice will be available one day a week in line with the healthy food standards.

During the allocated lunchtime your child will have 20 minutes allocated on a particular area for their break. Even if the weather is poor we will endeavour to send all children out for their 20 minutes fresh air, so please send your child with a coat and suitable footwear for the weather.

Unfortunately we will be unable to provide our 'tuck shop' snacks at breaktimes for a number of reasons. 1. We don't want the children lining up close together in the corridor. 2. Breaktimes are staggered and so children won't all be out of class at the same time. 3. We don't want the children handling cash in school. Instead you can send a simple piece of fruit in for your child to have at breaktime, apples, bananas, pears etc are a great option.

Children are welcome to bring packed lunches if they wish. The packed lunch children will eat lunch with their bubble in the lunch hall. Packed lunches must be brought in a lunch box, preferably plastic which can be wiped down at home each day. Or completely disposable, which can be thrown away once your child has eaten. Obviously though this isn't the best option for the environment.

Our office staff will still need to know whether your child is having hot dinners or packed lunches. If this has changed since last year please email office@lammack.blackburn.sch.uk or ring on 01254 698584. If you wish to change your choice as time goes by we will require two weeks' notice to arrange ordering etc.

If your personal circumstances have changed during lockdown then please contact the office to discuss the option of free school meals. Along with receiving free lunches, this can mean additional funding for school to support your child's learning. It may be worth considering looking into this option if things in your household have changed.

Once again I hope you are finding these emails informative and useful in your preparation for the return to school. Tomorrow I am hoping to update you on the general measures we are putting in place throughout school to keep our whole school community safe.

Hopefully you can appreciate how much work has gone in to the new processes and procedures throughout school in all areas. This will take us all time to adjust to, so please work with us in order to ensure the return to school is smooth and worry-free for your child.

Regards

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