



School Meals

Catering Service

The catering service at McAuley is contracted to Aspens Services Ltd.

Aspens are one of the sector leaders in providing high quality, nutritional meals in the school environment. They do so whilst maintaining value for money.

The link below will take you to Aspens dedicated McAuley Food Service web page where you will find further information on Aspens' provision including daily menus, promotional offers and nutritional/dietary information. <https://www.aspens-services.co.uk/schools/mcauley-catholic-school/>

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There are a number of 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 :

- Pasta pots – pasta can be topped with a sauce and/or cheese, prices vary on toppings selected.
- 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 service 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

There are two methods that you can use to pay for school meals:

1. Online payments via our SchoolGateway – this is the preferred method that 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. To register you will need to provide is with an email address and mobile phone number. When this has been done you will need to:

- Go to www.schoolgateway.com and select 'New User'
- Enter the email address and mobile telephone number you have registered with the school
- The system will send you a PIN code to you phone
- Enter the PIN code and your account will be activated.

We would encourage you to pay by bank transfer directly into your child's lunch money account. This avoids the need for your child to carry money around with them. You can also use debit/credit cards. Please use the direct transfer option if possible. It is free and it avoids the school being charged a fee (which it does for every debit/credit card transaction!). If this is not an option there are payment machines in school that students can add 'cash' to their account.

2. Coin and note payments using in-school pay-points

- There is a pay-point on each site that students can access before school and at morning break
- Please note that change cannot be dispensed by this machine.

A daily spend limit of £5 is automatically set for all students. Parents and carers may request a higher or lower limit by emailing a request to the school. If you have any questions regarding the cashless catering system, please use the CONTACT US form on the school website

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>