

# The Littlehampton Academy



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Dear Parent/Carer

We want to tell you about some of the changes that we have made in the school dining room, and to ask you to encourage your child to eat there. We would also encourage you to check whether you might be entitled to free school meals for your child.

But first, the changes we have made in the canteen over the last year:

- We have installed new seating and dining units.
- Our cooks now make sure that smaller portions (at a smaller price!) are available for children whose appetite does not match the regular size meals.
- Serving and queuing arrangements have been changed to speed up the service.
- We are making sure that there is a wide selection available throughout the lunch break so that those who want to eat later will not be disappointed.

Why should you encourage your child to eat a school dinner?

- Our cooks prepare great meals – staff and students like them.
- We regularly review our prices to make sure they are excellent value.
- Research shows that students who eat a nutritious meal do better in their studies.

## **Free school meals**

We strongly encourage any parents who might be entitled to free school meals to apply for them. Many of our students already benefit from this but if your child is not one of them and if you think you might be entitled please complete the attached application form and return it to the school. We will process it quickly and let you know whether your child can receive this valuable benefit.

(You will be entitled if you are in receipt of Income Support, Income-based Jobseekers Allowance, Pension Credit or Child Tax Credit only with an assessed income below £16,190.)

Yours sincerely

**S Jewell**  
**Principal**