



Millhouse Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

School Meals Policy and Procedures

Barnsley Council changed their school meals policy in April 2013 stating if debts are incurred, the school budget has to pay for them.

Due to the large amount of debt that has built up on school dinner accounts the Governors have had to implement a strict, no debt, School Meals Policy. A copy of the full policy is available to view on the school website, www.millhouseprimary.co.uk or by request from the school office.

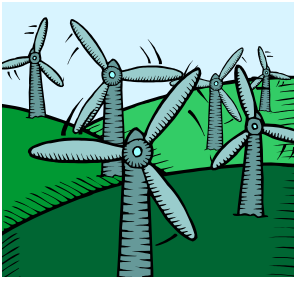
The main points of the policy are as follows:

- Children eligible for Free School Meals will continue to receive a meal each day.
- If you pay for your child's school meals, you **MUST** pay in advance for them.
- If you genuinely forget to pay for meals in advance, school will allow you to go up to a debt of £2.00 (1 meal).
- Debts will be checked each morning, as meals are booked in the office, and if this amount has been reached you will be contacted immediately and you **MUST** either bring your child a packed lunch or collect them and take them home for lunch until the debt is paid in full. **Parents have a duty of care to provide a lunch time meal for their child. The school would be concerned by consistent failure to provide a meal and would have to consider whether a referral to social services was necessary.**



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We will be following these guidelines very strictly and would appreciate your co-operation; as the changes to school budgets mean that debts will have to be covered from money that would normally be spent on your child's education.

We hope that by implementing this debt policy we are able to help parents/guardians manage dinner money better and at the same time ensure that the school budget is used for your children's education.

If you have concerns please don't hesitate to contact Mrs Gray or Mrs Taylor in school.

Yours sincerely,

Mr R Bettison,
Chairperson
Millhouse Primary School Governing Body.



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