

Dear Parents/Carers

As you are aware, here at Outwood Academy Foxhills, we do provide an in-house catering service. We are continually reviewing this service to ensure that it offers good value for money for our students and obviously this is particularly pertinent with the current pressures on cost of living.

To ensure this is sustainable, and that we make the best use of school funds to provide an excellent education for your child, we need to ensure that all students have sufficient balances on their account to pay for the food they need each day.

From 15th April 2024 students will only be permitted to incur a maximum overdraft of £2.65 on their account. We understand that a student may run out of funds or a parent/carer has not had a chance to add funds to their child's account. The £2.65 is sufficient to allow students to buy a meal deal (main meal, dessert and drink). This deal is only available as one purchase and can't be split over break and lunchtime.

If your child runs out of money on their account, they will be provided with a meal and catering staff will inform your child that they are now in debt and they will need to top up their account for the following day in order to purchase food.

To support your child managing their account, we already have a £6 maximum daily spend. If you would like to increase this for your child, please contact the catering department here at Outwood Academy Foxhills (01724) 708080. Students need to be registered for IPay in order to make any payments. Registration letters are being sent out for any student not already registered. If you don't have access to a computer, you can request a Paypoint card where you can top up in cash at a post office or any other shop that has a Paypoint. This does take slightly longer to get to your account, so please do this well in advance.

For families that are in receipt of free school meals, your child will still be able to access a free meal deal, ensuring they receive a main meal, dessert and drink. Additional to this, the academy provides a free breakfast club served between 7.45am & 8.15am where they are able to get a bagel or cereals.

If you need any further support please contact Mrs Scutt (01724) 708080 at the school. Please could I also encourage you to apply for free school meals if you are eligible to do so. Not only does this provide free school meals for your child it also increases the funding the school gets to support students. Further details can be found at <https://www.northlincs.gov.uk/schools-libraries-and-learning/school-food-and-free-school-meals/>. Please note the academy uses a fingerprint system and therefore it is confidential who is in receipt of free school meals.

Your faithfully



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