

## **A guide to School Meals at Crooksbar**

We provide excellent healthy school meals that are cooked on site each day. We offer the children 3 choices of meal each day – 2 hot and 1 cold. Children will choose their meal each morning. Menus can be made available on request.

Dinner money collection for KS2 is undertaken by the school office. Money should be paid on a Monday morning for the week ahead in the special envelopes provided. Cheques must be made payable to Stockton Borough Council with your name and address printed on the back of the cheque.

The cost of a meal in September 2016 is remaining at £2.05 a day and £10.25 for the week for KS2 children.

Our meals are provided by Stockton Borough Council, in line with government guidance which can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/school-meals-healthy-eating-standards>

And here:

<http://www.schoolfoodplan.com/actions/school-food-standards/>

### **A free meal is supplied to all KS2 children whose parents are in receipt of:**

*Income Based Jobseekers Allowance / Income Support*

*Support under part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999*

*Guarantee element of State Pension Credit*

*Child Tax Credit; if you are not entitled to Working Tax Credit and your yearly income is less than £16,190*

All children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to a Universal Free School Meal. There is a new service for parents to register eligibility for free school meals. You can ring the Contact Centre on 01642 526606. The operator will complete the form for you on line and it is emailed to our School.

**Parents of reception and KS1 children should still register, even though meals will be free to those children from September 2015. This is because school receives funding for ALL children who are entitled to a free meal in receipt of these benefits**

### **Packed Lunches**

Children may choose to bring their own packed meal to school. In line with our healthy eating policy, chocolate bars, sweets and fizzy drinks are not allowed.

### **Fruit**

KS1 children are entitled to and receive free fruit each day. Children under 5 also receive free school milk each day.

### **Water**

Every child has access to water throughout the school day.