

GADE VALLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers

DINNER MONEY PAYMENT – AUTUMN TERM 1 2026

The cost of a school meal has increased to **£3.60 per day (£18.00 per week)**.

If you wish to pay for the first half of the Autumn Term (**2 September 2026 to 23 October 2026**), the total payment will be **£136.80**.

Please note that dinner money must be paid in advance – daily, weekly or half-termly. Our school policy states that **no meals can be provided unless payment has been received**.

Payments can be made via your **Arbor Parent App** by selecting **Payments > Meals > Top Up Account**. Alternatively, cash payments may be sent to school in a clearly marked envelope showing your child's name and class.

Could Your Child Be Eligible for Free School Meals?

We would encourage all families to check whether they may qualify for **Free School Meals (FSM)**. Even if your child is currently receiving Universal Infant Free School Meals (Reception, Year 1 or Year 2), making a successful FSM application can provide additional funding to support your child's education through the school's Pupil Premium allocation.

The Government has recently announced that, from **September 2026**, free school meal eligibility will be extended to include more families receiving Universal Credit. We therefore encourage parents who may not have qualified previously to check their eligibility.

You can find further information and submit an application through Hertfordshire County Council using the link below:

<https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/services/schools-and-education/at-school/free-school-meals.aspx>

The application process is quick and straightforward and only takes a few minutes to complete.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs J Calverley
School Business Manager

