

# Baileys Moving on to Paid Meals

If your child is moving into Year 3 they will no longer be entitled to receive free school meals as part of the government's [Universal Infant Free School Meals](#) initiative. This leaves two options; providing a lunch box or paying for school meals.

Eating a healthy lunch at school has been shown to improve children's concentration and behaviour in the classroom and provides them with essential nutrients that they need to develop and grow. Unfortunately only 1% of lunchboxes meet the nutritional standards that currently apply to school meals. It is a challenge for any parent to provide a reasonably priced, healthy lunch box that your child will enjoy and can be made in less than 5 minutes every morning!

## Lunch box facts

- Many products that are marketed to parents for lunchboxes can be high in sugar, salt or fat and are actually very expensive per item.
- The quality of the food often deteriorates in the lunchbox and can sometimes be less appealing to your child – we all remember opening a box of squashed sandwiches or mushy fruit!
- They take time to plan and prepare in the morning.
- The contents of a child's lunch box often causes a competitive environment at school.



At Baileys Catering we take away the stress of thinking up new ideas for lunch boxes and working out the best way to reduce cost. As a Gold 'Food for Life' Caterer our menus provide children with not only a healthy, balanced meal but a lunch that contains local, seasonal and often organic produce. The menus are reviewed and changed regularly to make sure that children can always find a meal they enjoy. It also offers them variety and the opportunity to try new foods.



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## How do I pay for school meals with Baileys Catering?

Simply follow our [Seed to School Meal Guide](#) to order your child's school meals using our convenient and user friendly online booking system – DinnerPay. You can request a copy of this from your child's school or download a copy from the Baileys Catering website ([www.baileys-catering.co.uk](http://www.baileys-catering.co.uk))

The only difference between ordering the free meals and paid meals is the top up system. You will need to top up your account with a minimum payment of £20 before starting to order your child's meals. This can be done by clicking on the 'top up' button at the top right hand side of the screen and following the payment instructions. If your balance is below the amount required for a school meal you will need to top up again before being able to book further meals.

The screenshot shows the DinnerPay website interface. A modal window titled 'Top-up your account' is open. It displays the current balance as £20.00. There is an 'Add funds' button with a text input field containing £20.00 and a note '£20 min. top-up'. Below this, the 'Payment method' section shows 'No cards added' with a link to 'Add a card'. A 'Confirm password' field is also present. The background shows a menu for Wednesday 14 Sep 2016 with options like 'Meals', 'History', 'Settings', and 'FAQs'.

If you have any questions about our school meals or have any problems ordering them please contact us on **01527 857130** or email [info@baileys-catering.co.uk](mailto:info@baileys-catering.co.uk).



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