



School Meals Arrangements Policy

St Mary Magdalene Academy is a Christian community of learning. We aim to nurture young people to become high achievers and to discover their vocation in the global society.

“Show by a good life that your works are done by gentleness born of wisdom”
James 3.13

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Reference has been made in several documents to St Mary Magdalene Academy day, including arrangements for the provision of food for students.

Because of the nature of the Academy day which is longer than most secondary schools, it is St Mary Magdalene Academy's intention to provide food at several points in the day.

NOTE: The exact details of food provision may change, as at the time of preparation of this procedure, final arrangements are being discussed with contractors.

A light breakfast will be provided at cost price for those wishing to arrive early at the Academy to use its study and work facilities. There will be an emphasis on healthy food throughout the meal/snack provision of the Academy in keeping with its specialism of Health.

Light snacks will also be available during the mid morning break.

The Main Midday Meal

It is the intention of the Governing Body to try to provide a 'Family' environment during the midday meal during which students may not only enjoy the healthy 'Meal of the Day', but also converse with friends. This marks a distinct difference from the cafeteria style delivery of food so often seen within contemporary schools.

Food will be brought to the tables and in rotation students will serve each other, developing social skills and a caring spirit for their contemporaries.

Nevertheless time is tight and we intend to complete the midday meal within the hour for all students.

All food served will satisfy religious requirements as our contractors will be required to provide appropriate ingredients only.

The Academy prefers that all students partake in the main midday meal, as its emphasis on healthy foods coincides with the Government's drive to improve the health of young people in addition to the positive role it plays in developing the social skills of students. Consequently we do not anticipate that students will need to bring a 'lunch box'

No student will be allowed to go home for midday meals, however close they live to the Academy. This is because the Academy wants all students to be able to

benefit from the facilities available during the lunch break.

For students on Free School Meals, provision will be made as usual. All students will be provided with an electronic swipe card which can be loaded up with money from machines provided.

Students on Free School Meals will be able to keep their status confidential thanks to their swipe cards differing to uniform cards in that they contain an invisible code which allows for them to receive a free meal at midday discreetly.

For students who remain at the Academy after the formal end of the day, further light snacks will be made available at cost price.

Parents and carers are encouraged to inform the Academy of any special dietary issues (medical) about which the Academy needs to know, especially those which may potentially cause a life threatening situation such as nut allergy.

It is not envisaged that exceptions will be granted to the procedural policy outlined above.