

Grace Academy Coventry

School Meals Policy

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1. Introduction

It is very important to Grace Academy to be able to offer our students freshly cooked, nutritious food – throughout each school day in line with school food standards guidance. That is why we have entered into a partnership with Cucina one of the UK’s leading catering companies.

Our restaurant provides a wide range of healthy, high quality meals and snacks that offer the ‘best of both worlds’. They are competitively priced and nutritionally balanced.

- ✓ Fizzy drinks are not allowed in the Academy unless purchased in the academy in line with school compliance
- ✓ Students have access to fresh water at break and lunch times
- ✓ All of our food is freshly cooked
- ✓ All of our food fulfils all of the criteria for ‘Healthy Eating’
- ✓ Nutritional standards are fully met
- ✓ Pre-processed food is strictly limited
- ✓ Meals are balanced with differing types of food on each menu
- ✓ Artificial colours and additives are strictly limited
- ✓ Snacks and sweets are limited
- ✓ Vegetarian meals are prepared
- ✓ Organic and Fair Trade products are used – wherever possible
- ✓ Local suppliers are used – when available

Parents may make an appointment to discuss special dietary needs although the student will need to take responsibility for their own dietary choices.

2. Free School Meals

We would encourage both parents whose children are eligible for free school meals or who parents think may be eligible for free school meals to apply via Coventry City Council. The parent and Academy will then be notified if the application has been successful. If you need support further with this please contact our Family Support Worker suziescott@graceacademy.org.uk or your child’s Head of Year.

3. Cashless Payment

Grace Academy operates a ‘cashless’ system using a Biometric system. Machines that accept coins and notes to obtain credit on student accounts are conveniently situated throughout the building. Parents can also place credit on a student’s account by using a debit or credit card via “Parent Pay” and/or MCAS.

For those students eligible for Free School Meals, the daily allowance is credited to the students account automatically at the start of the lunch time and any used allowance removed at the end of the day. Students can use this allowance to purchase food at lunch time only.

4. Students using the biometric system

Grace Academy operates an automated recognition system for the purpose of catering. This is referred to as biometric information and is about a student's physical characteristic that can be used to identify them for example, information from their fingerprints. The system will take the measurements of a student's fingerprint and convert these into a template to be stored on the system. An image of a student's fingerprint is not stored.

Grace Academy cannot use the information for any purpose other than those for which it was originally obtained and Grace Academy will ensure that the information is stored securely in line with the academy Records, Retention, Destruction and Archive Policy and the Data Protection Act 2018. Grace Academy will require you to complete and sign a form giving your consent. If you have any further questions, please contact Reception at the Academy.