



# Queen Mary's Grammar School

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## Free School Meals (FSM) – Frequently Asked Questions

Please find below a range of information in response to frequently asked questions.

**1. How can I check if my child is eligible for FSM and how do I apply?**

This information is available at:

[https://go.walsall.gov.uk/schools\\_and\\_learning/schools\\_in\\_walsall/school\\_meals/free\\_school\\_meals](https://go.walsall.gov.uk/schools_and_learning/schools_in_walsall/school_meals/free_school_meals)

**2. Which Local Authority do I apply to?**

You can apply to Walsall Council if your child attends a school within Walsall Borough regardless of whether you live inside or outside of the borough. Please use the link above. If you live in Walsall but your child attends a school outside of the borough you will need to apply to the local authority the school is in.

**3. My child was eligible for FSM at their previous school will my child be automatically eligible for FSM at Queen Mary's Grammar School?**

No this information does not automatically transfer, you will need to make a new application as above. This includes Year 7 and 6<sup>th</sup> Form admissions.

**4. My son/daughter is transitioning into Queen Mary's Grammar School 6<sup>th</sup> Form, are they eligible for FSM?**

FSM are available to 6<sup>th</sup> Form students, please see Q1 on how to check eligibility and apply.

**5. What is the daily allowance amount?**

It is now £2.60 with the best value being a lunch main meal deal from the main servery. Items can be purchased individually, however this may result in you exceeding the daily allowance of £2.60 so your child needs to check the costs.

**6. Can I use the daily allowance on drinks?**

Yes, but only as part of your meal deal or when buying lunch food items. The allowance cannot be used just for the purchase of drinks, it is provided for a meal.

**7. Can I use the daily allowance for breaktime?**

No, it only be used for lunch as the money does not go onto the system until midday.

**8. Can I spend more than the daily allowance?**

Yes, but you must pay the money onto your account to do this.

**9. Can the daily balance be accrued and carried over?**

Any balance that is unused does not get carried over to the next day.

**10. How can I check the balance and/or pay money on the account?**

Use our school online payment system, please contact [finance@the.merciantrust.org](mailto:finance@the.merciantrust.org) if you have any issues accessing the system.

**11. How can I check the purchase history?**

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**12. I can't afford meals for my children during school holidays. Can the school help?**

Under normal circumstances, schools do not provide free school meals to eligible children who are not in school. However, schools are led by DfE guidance, as we saw during Covid lockdown the DfE instructed the MAT to provide vouchers during these challenging times. The school will continue to follow DfE guidance and if we are instructed to provide vouchers we will do, however this is not standard procedure.

**13. I been notified that I do not qualify for FSM, but I still need help, what can I do?**

Walsall Council are working closely with a number of partner organisations in order to provide support to families. [Making Connections Walsall](#) is a friendly service for residents of all ages in Walsall that aims to address loneliness, social isolation and to empower residents to take responsibility for their own health and well-being. They are unable to provide food parcels unless first authorised by the Council's Housing and Welfare Team. The team can be contacted via [HousingandWelfareSupport@walsall.gov.uk](mailto:HousingandWelfareSupport@walsall.gov.uk) They will be able to support/advise the family and ensure they are on the right benefits.

**14. Who do I speak to with a query?**

For general queries regarding support email [well-being@qmgs.walsall.sch.uk](mailto:well-being@qmgs.walsall.sch.uk)

For Queen Mary's Grammar School related FSM queries please contact The Mercian Trust [fsm@merciantrust.org](mailto:fsm@merciantrust.org)

Please include your child's name, form, date of birth and the nature of the query.

Yours sincerely

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### What can be purchased for £2.60?

A **main meal deal** for £2.60 would include a hot dinner option and pudding (in a bowl) from the main servery.

Other options within £2.60:

**BLUE  
DOT**

**4 ITEMS FOR £2.60**

- A selection of Mini Rolls with a variety of fillings
- Mini Muffin
- Mini Cookie
- Shortbread Triangle
- Flapjack Triangle
- Brownie Triangle

- Cheese Half Panini
- Crispy Potatoes - 8oz pot
- Garlic Dough Balls x 5
- Bread Roll
- Cheese Straw
- Mini Jelly - 4oz pot
- Ice Cream Pot
- Rocket Ice Lolly
- Jubbly Ice Lolly

- Carrot Stick Bag
- Fruit Bag
- Dried Fruit Pot
- Marshmallow Pots
- Seed Pots
- Cheese Pot
- Houmous Pot
- Small Water 330ml
- Radnor Fruit Drinks 125ml
- Slush Drink 7oz

- Apple
- Banana
- Orange
- Seasonal Fruit
- Watermelon Wedge

# MEAL DEAL **£2.30**

ANY COLD DELI SUB + CAKE

## FILLINGS

Chicken  
Cheese  
Tuna  
Ham

## CAKE

Flapjack  
Shortbread



# JACKET POTATOES

Jacket + 1 Filling **£1.75**  
Jacket + 2 Filling **£2.00**

## FILLINGS

Cheese  
Baked Beans  
Tuna Mayo  
Chicken Mayo  
Manager's Special

# MEAL DEAL **£2.60**

ANY HOT PIZZA WRAP + CAKE

## FILLINGS

Tikka  
Ham & Cheese  
Margherita  
BBQ Chicken

## CAKE

Flapjack  
Shortbread

