

# Paying for school meals and drinks: easy read



This easy read document tells you about how to pay for school meals.



Information about how to apply for free school meals can be found [here](#).



If you are not able to receive free school meals you will need to pay for a meal.



Nottinghamshire County Council has a recommended price for school meals. From Sept 2024 to April 2025, this is £2.95 per meal.



But you should check the actual amount with the school before your child starts.



How much you pay will depend on the school or academy who decide their own charges.

## Cashless Payment Systems for School Meals



Some schools do not take cash payments and have a cashless payment system.



When your child pays for their meals, they will swipe their finger across a scanner which reads their fingerprint. Money is then taken out of an online account which you pay into.



If you have any questions or want a chat about your options please contact your child's school.

## Links in this document

- **Free School Meals**

[www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/global-content/easy-read-library/free-school-meals-and-milk](http://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/global-content/easy-read-library/free-school-meals-and-milk)

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The plain English version of this information is available at

[Costs and cashless payment systems for school meals | Nottinghamshire County Council](#)

[www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/education/school-meals/costs-and-cashless-payments](http://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/education/school-meals/costs-and-cashless-payments)

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