



### Dates to Remember

Wednesday 08 February 9am—Reception—Year 2 Whitecote Wonders Assembly

Wednesday 08 February—Safer Internet Day

Thursday 09 February—Evacuee Day—Year 6

Friday 10 February—Year 3—Year 6 Whitecote Wonders Assembly

Friday 10 February—Break up for half term

Monday 20 February—Back to school!



## WHITECOTE PRIMARY SCHOOL

# THIS IS A "GOOD" SCHOOL

"Inspire, nurture and challenge (INC) lie at the heart of Whitecote Primary School... Pupils feel happy and safe... Leaders have created an ambitious curriculum." (OFSTED, 2023).

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### Well Done Whitecote!

We are absolutely thrilled with our inspection report from our recent Ofsted. Congratulations to our staff, children and school community for their achievement in securing a solid good rating! The report can be read on our website if you haven't done so already. We are so pleased that the Ofsted team recognised our progress and improvements, our development areas are already known to us and we have secure action plans which we are working towards continually. Thank you to all the children and parents who contribute to our fantastic school community, we are very proud to have you as part of our Whitecote family.



### Quality Mark for History

We are proud to have achieved the Silver Award in the Quality Mark for History Award this term! A further confirmation that our curriculum is of a high standard! Our certificate is proudly on display in our reception area!

The children have exciting opportunities to bring their studies to life, including our fantastic evacuee week from 06 February which will see year six meeting a care home resident to talk about World War Two, creating an art gallery of propaganda posters and holding an Evacuee Experience day!



# School Lunches



Our cook and catering staff work incredibly hard to provide hundreds of meals each day from reception to year six, and often for staff too! With that amount of lunches, timely preparation is key! Up until now, children who are late for school would be allocated a green lunch choice so that the lunch staff can increase on one option rather than four options and it is manageable in the short time they have to make all our lunches!

We have improved our system which means that lead time is now less than it was, children can now choose from the full menu up to 9.30am. After 9.30am a school lunch choice would be a green choice. Our menu is below for next week, our full menu is on the website.

## YOUR MENU

**Whitecote Primary**

**Week 2**  
 W/C – 12/09/22, 3/10/22,  
 31/10/22, 21/11/22,  
 12/12/22, 16/01/23,  
 ...6/02/23.

**MONDAY**

Breaded Chicken in Curry Sauce with Rice

Vegetarian Sausage Pasta Bake (v)

Cheese Bap with Rice Salad (v)

Jacket Potato with Tuna and Sweetcorn

Ice Cream with Sponge Finger

Tuesday

Vegetable Lasagne (v)

Cheesy Bean Slice with Jacket Wedges (v)

Wholemeal Egg Mayonnaise Sandwich with Jacket Wedges (v)

Jacket Potato with Baked Beans (ve)

Orange Sponge with Chocolate Custard

Wednesday

Sausage Casserole

Vegetarian Kebab Wrap with Baby Baked Potatoes (ve)

Wholemeal Tuna Sandwich with Baby Baked Potatoes

Jacket Potato with Cheese and Salad (v)

Fruit Jelly with Fresh Fruit Salad

AVAILABLE DAILY

YOGHURTS

AND

Fresh Fruit

RED TRACTOR STANDARDS

Leeds

CITY COUNCIL

THURSDAY

Roast Chicken with Yorkshire Pudding, Mashed and Roast Potatoes

Vegetarian Sausage with Yorkshire Pudding, Mashed and Roast Potatoes (v)

Hot Roast Filled Bap with Roast Potatoes

Cheese and Crackers with Apple Wedges

FRIDAY

Crispy Salmon Bites with Chips

Margherita Pizza with Chips (v)

Cheese and Tomato Finger Roll with Chips (v)

Jacket Potato with a Chunky Tomato Sauce (ve)

Chocolate and Beetroot Brownie with Pear Wedges

(v) = vegetarian  
(ve) = vegan

Please note, whilst we make every effort to prevent cross contamination in our kitchens, we cannot guarantee that any food item is free from any specific allergen. We produce our food fresh every day in kitchens where allergens are handled by our staff and where utensils and equipment are used for multiple menu items.

MENUS ARE SUBJECT TO AVAILABILITY

## ATTENDANCE MATTERS

We are continually supporting children and families to improve attendance for our children, if you are struggling with attendance or punctuality please contact our pastoral and attendance team who will be able to provide guidance and support. If you need to report your child absent, there are three ways you can do this to avoid reminders or unnecessary phone calls from attendance.

- Use the Studybugs App
- Call the attendance team on 01132164800 (option one)
- Email [attendance@whitecote.co.uk](mailto:attendance@whitecote.co.uk)



Please do not pass messages through classroom staff as they will not be able to share that until lunchtime due to being in class teaching.

Study Bugs is a fantastic app and we encourage you to sign up for it!



Mrs Stead's Wheel of Names is incredibly popular with the children, who can't wait to see who wins the amazon voucher for attendance! At the end of half term there will be a draw for £100 vouchers (2x £25 for Reception and KS1, 2x £25 for KS2)





# World Book Day

**On:** 2<sup>nd</sup> March

## Roald Dahl - Theme Menu

*James and the Giant Peach* - Mudburger  
Beefburger in a burger bun

*The Twits* - Wormy Spaghetti  
Spaghetti in a Mediterranean Tomato Sauce (v)

*The BFG* - Snoggum Sandwich  
(Tuna and Cucumber Sandwich)

*Matilda* - Trunchball Tatties  
Sweetcorn and Peas

*Matilda* - Bogtrotter Chocolate Cake

**Leeds City Council**  
providing a healthy choice for your child's School Meal

## WORLD BOOK DAY MENU

World Book Day is fast approaching, we will be celebrating the day with a special menu for our school lunches, the choices are on ParentMail—we must have the order by 9.00am on Monday 20 February for our caterers to prepare. Please opt in even if your child already has a school meal.

## UNIFORM REMINDER

PE kit is a very important part of our uniform, please be reminded that the kit must be :

Black/Grey top

White T-Shirt

Black/Grey Bottoms

NOT BRANDED

Spare kit is made available for pupils who have incorrect kit.

Jewellery must not be worn for school with the exception of small studs in ears, however they must not be worn on swimming or PE days.



## Reception and Year Six Measurement Programme Monday 20 Feb



## National Child Measurement Programme (NCMP)

The National Child Measurement Programme (NCMP) is available for all children in Reception and Year 6 who attend a school under Leeds City Council. This is offered by the 0-19 Public Health Integrated Nursing Service.

The NCMP involves measuring your child's height and weight to calculate their BMI. They will remain fully clothed, but will be asked to remove their shoes. No individual measurements will be given to school staff or other children and all the information we gather will be treated confidentially. Your child's results will be sent to you through the post. It will not be shared with the school without your consent.



The 0-19 Public Health Integrated Nursing Service supports your child in a range of ways including emotional health, weight management, ensuring those with long term illnesses and other needs get extra support when needed. We help young people throughout their school life to reach their full potential.

If you do not want your child to be included in the National Child Measurement Programme please call us on **0113 843 5683** to let us know.

You can also find out more on the NHS website:  
<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/healthy-weight/national-child-measurement-programme>

You can find out more information about the 0-19 Public Health Integrated Nursing Service: [www.leedscommunityhealthcare.nhs.uk](http://www.leedscommunityhealthcare.nhs.uk)

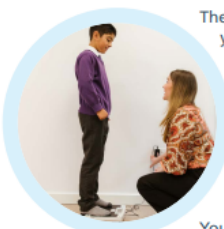
Information and fun ideas to help your kids stay healthy can be found at: <https://www.nhs.uk/change4life>

**0-19 Public Health Integrated Nursing Service**



## National Child Measurement Programme (NCMP) and vision screening

All children in a Leeds reception class get an important health check whilst in school. This is called the National Child Measurement Programme (NCMP) and vision screening.



The NCMP involves measuring your child's height and weight to calculate their BMI, and to carry out a distance vision screening.

Issues with either might affect your child's learning, development and achievements and is offered so we can spot any problems.

Your child's results will be sent to you and will not be shared with your child or school. The results will be included in the letter and we will tell you if your child needs further eyesight tests. You may be asked to go to a local optician or your child may be referred to the Community Eye Clinic. **Please note the service does not screen for squints.**

If your child is allergic to Durapore (surgical sticking tape), you want more information about the height, weight and eye screening or if you **DO NOT** want your child to have eye screening or be included in the NCMP offer, please telephone our 0-19 Admin SPA on **0113 843 5683** to tell us.

You can also find out more on the NHS website:  
<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/healthy-weight/national-child-measurement-programme>

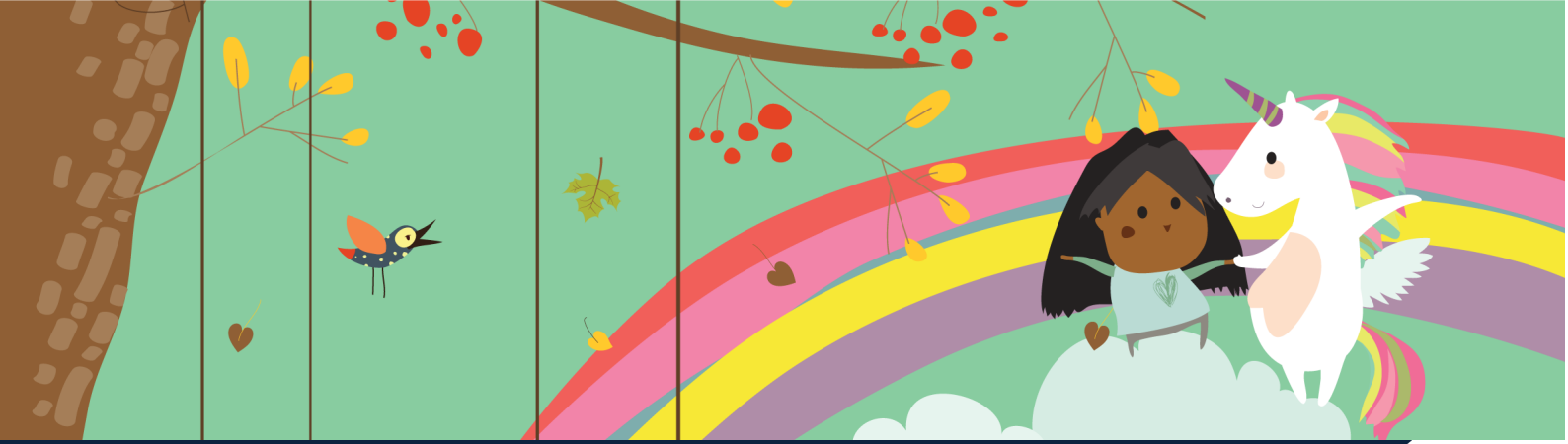
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**0-19 Public Health Integrated Nursing Service**



We will be following 'Government Health Protection Team' (formerly Public Health England) guidance at all times and may be wearing PPE at the point of contact with your child.

For further information about how we process your child's data, please view our Privacy Notice on our website: <https://www.leedscommunityhealthcare.nhs.uk>  
Information about how NHS Digital and Public Health England collect and use information can be found at <https://digital.nhs.uk/about-nhs-digital/our-work/keeping-patient-data-safe/how-we-look-after-your-health-and-care-information> and <https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/public-health-england/about/personal-information-charter>. Information about the organisations NHS Digital has shared information from the National Child Measurement Programme can be found at <https://digital.nhs.uk/services/national-child-measurement-programme>



## INC award winners for week ending 6 February 2023:

**Inspire:** I will be proud of who I am and find ways to express myself.



**R Apple— Ahmad—** Ahmad has independently used his visual timetable, engaged during carpet sessions and has begun to use his words to express his emotions.

**R Pear— Lily-Grace —** Lily-Grace always enjoys telling others about herself and her interests, and she always finds a way to put a smile on other peoples faces!

**1 Rose— Franziszek** you are unique in your ways and love sharing your knowledge about dinosaurs!

**1 Lavender— Ollie W** you helped to make a model of a desert and you were really proud of what you achieved!

**2 Hazel- Vladislav—**You enjoy sharing your achievements and you show so much pride in your work. Well done Vlad!

**2 Willow— Charlie T-** You always try your best. You take pride in your work and you are proud to be a good friend to others.

**3 Spruce— Mary-Anne** You are always happy in class and like to express your feelings in group discussions.

**3 Yew— Ella G** You have settled in well here at Whitecote and expressed your amazing personality and knowledge into 3 Yew. Well done!

**4 Beech— Alfie T** you always work hard on your spellings, taking pride in practicing them every week!

**4 Ash— Franky-James** You are not afraid to be yourself and express your amazing personality in a variety of ways!

**5 Chestnut— Michael B** You were expressing yourself with pride on our times table rock star day!

**5 Elm— Tommy Q-** You'd expressed yourself by writing a story as well as working hard in your tests.

**6 Cedar— Riley A** you blaze a trail with all your knowledge of WW2 and have been sharing it with us all very articulately.

**6 Oak— Tari J -** You have become increasingly confident in expressing your individuality and standing up for injustice and inequality wherever you see it, bangarang!





# Reception Trip to the Post Office



Reception had a lovely trip to the post office this week. They bought their own stamps and posted letters into the post box. The children really enjoyed this local trip and learnt a lot about how the post office works!



## Free School Meals



All children in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2 at a state funded school or academy, will automatically get free school meals through the Universal Infant Free School Meals scheme. Parents do not need to make an application to receive these meals.

**If you receive benefits and your child already gets Universal Infant Free School Meals, you should still register for free school meals. This is so school can claim funding to support your child at school. This is called Pupil Premium.**

Children in Year 3 or above, are only eligible for free school meals if their parents or carers are entitled to benefits, and they make an application for free school meals. Children may be eligible for free school meals if their parents or carers receive any of the following benefits:

- Income support
- Income based Job Seeker's Allowance
- Income based Employment and Support Allowance
- Child Tax Credit with an annual income of less than £16,190
- The guaranteed element of the State Pension Credit
- The guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Universal Credit with an annual income of less than £7,400

**\*If you get Working Tax Credit your child will not qualify for free school meals.\***

If you live in Leeds and you do not already receive Housing Benefit or Council Tax Support, you will need to complete the [online form](#) to claim for Free School Meals.

## Changes and Messages



If you need to change your pick up arrangements, please call the office as soon as possible and before 2.00pm so we have time to deliver the many messages we receive. Please ensure it is a parent who makes this call and gives the full name of the person picking up. If you wish for your child to go to afterschool club, please ensure the request is with us before 2.00pm so we can inform the afterschool club team to expect them. Delivering messages to children in class time can be disruptive to the lesson, please help us keep this to a minimum by organising arrangements as early as possible. Thank you for your understanding!

We would like to remind all children and parents that children are not permitted to bring footballs or other balls into school and should not be playing football on the bottom playground before the start of the school day. If children are coming onto the site without an adult (year 5 and 6 only), they must wait sensibly by their year group doors or be accompanied by an adult. Thank you for your understanding.



# Get Involved!



Whitecote Primary School

Free tea & coffee, toast & biscuits

Welcomes you and your family to come and join us at our community

## Hot Hub

Every Monday from 8:45am in the school hall

Pop in, spend some time and have a chat with us about anything (doesn't have to be school related), in a warm, safe space.

Private areas to discuss how we can help to support you and your family will also be available.

Younger children welcome!

For further info contact Mrs Tweed on 0113 2164800 Option 3 or email [pastoral@whitecote.co.uk](mailto:pastoral@whitecote.co.uk)

## LET'S CONNECT

Place2Be's CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH WEEK

6-12 FEBRUARY 2023

Next week, we will be taking part in Children's Mental Health Week - which this year has the theme of 'Let's Connect.' We prioritise children's mental health and wellbeing throughout the year, along with other aspects of physical health, self-care and the wider curriculum, but next week gives us an opportunity to raise the profile of these important aspects with the children once again. It is also Safer Internet Day on Tuesday, which is called, 'Want to talk about it? Making space for conversations about life online' so we will be learning about various aspects of online safety as well during the week.

### SEND PARENTS COFFEE AND CHAT

**WHERE:** The Bungalow- just before Woodkirk Academy school gates

**WHEN:** THE 2nd Thursday every month- (Thursday 9th February, Thursday 9th March)

**TIME:** 9.30AM-11.00AM

ARE YOU.....

A Parent/Carer of a child with SEND needs

Come and have a coffee and a chat with people in similar situations, share experiences, gain advice and meet new people.

### REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED

This group has been set up as an unofficial support group for Parents and Carers of children with SEND needs. This can be a rewarding but stressful and isolating time for parents. This group has been set up to offer a social, supportive and relaxed setting for meaningful discussions about anything at all. We will make attempts to bring external agencies in who would be relevant for the group where we can. This is a great place to meet people in a similar situation.

This is open to any Parents/Carers of children in the LEODIS Academies Trust.

For further information please contact:

Victoria or Nikki @ Leodis Support Service 0113 8873609 / 8873618



## Leeds Mencap Easter 4-8s Playscheme

Short break playschemes for children in Leeds with a learning disability/additional needs between the ages of 4-8.

10am - 3pm at The Vinery Centre, Leeds, LS9 9LU

4-8's Dates	Activities
3rd April	People who help us
4th April	Transport and Travel
5th April	Easter
6th April	Day trip to Whistletop Valley

[Complete a booking and application form at leedsmencap.org.uk/playschemes](https://leedsmencap.org.uk/playschemes)

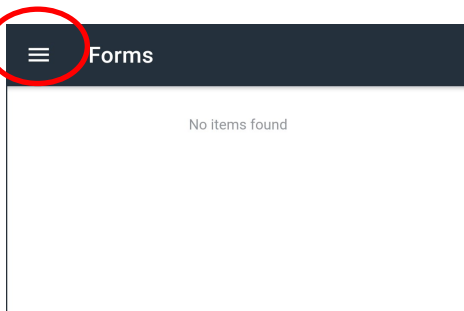
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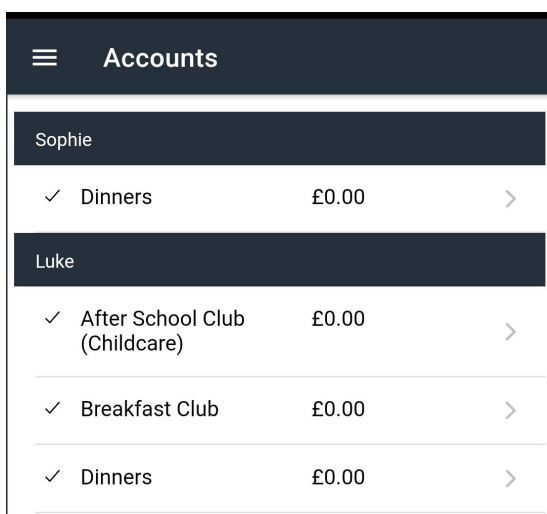
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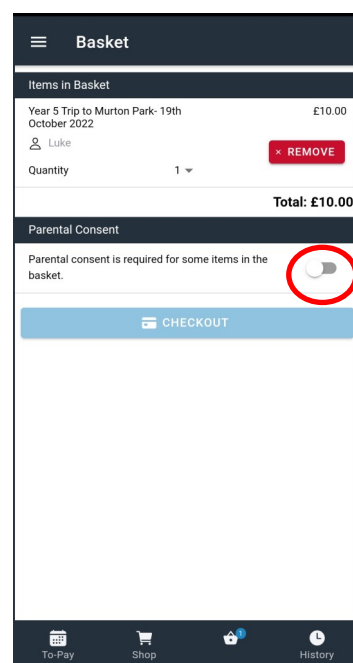
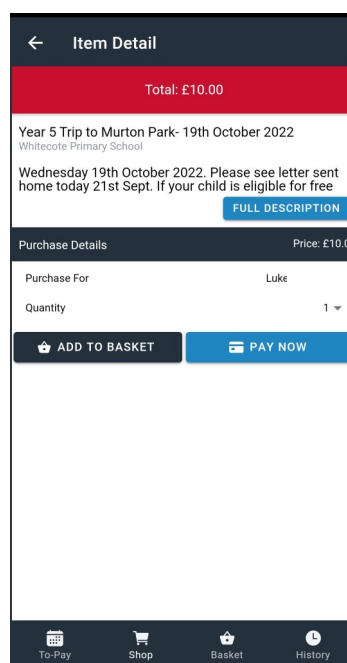
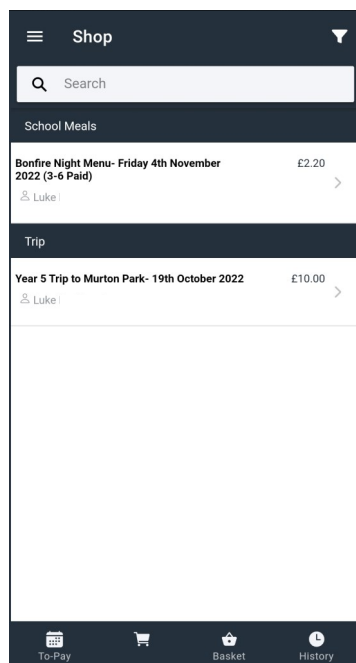
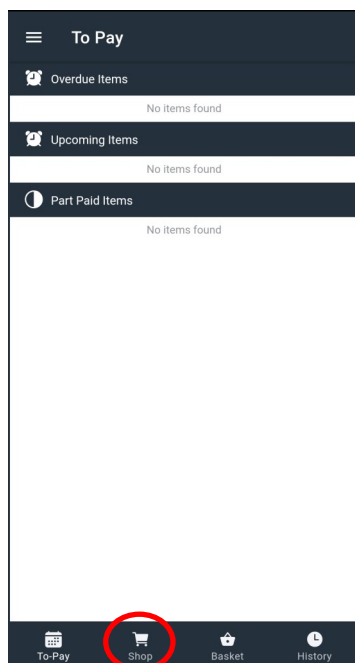
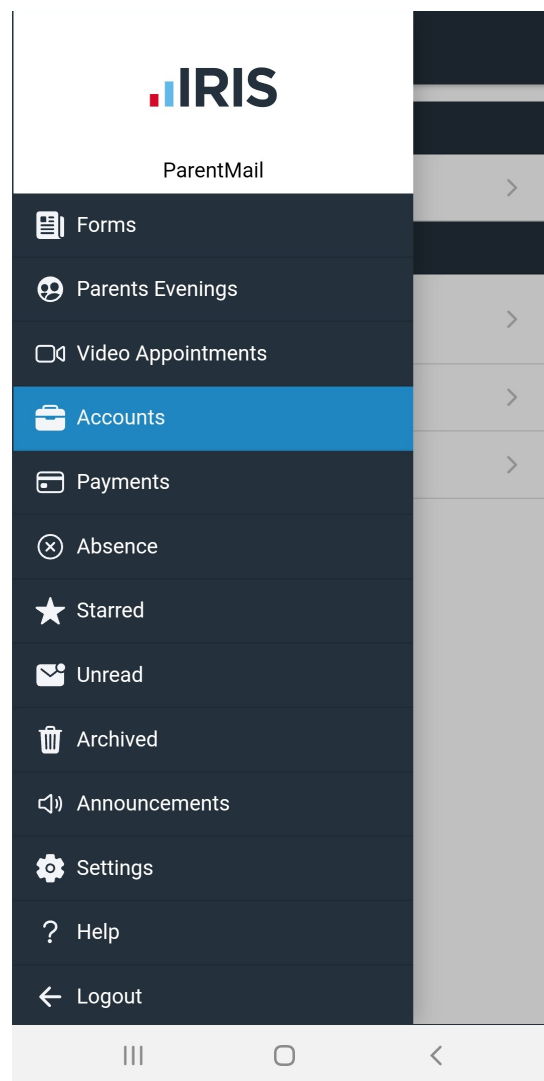
We use ParentMail for payments, consents, forms and booking appointments for parents evening, so it's really important to get connected if you aren't already. Email [office@whitecote.co.uk](mailto:office@whitecote.co.uk) and we'll arrange for an activation link to be sent. We've added a quick guide to payments below, if you have ParentMail but struggle to use it.



To access the main menu, use the three lines to the left hand side of the app or webpage. You will then have access to the menu as shown on the right.



In the Accounts section you will be able to make payment towards school meals, Breakfast Club and After School Club (childcare) simply click on the relevant child account, and select the top up button, enter the amount you wish to top up, add to basket then check out as you would with any online shopping.



To pay for one off special school meals, school trips and milk, use the Payments section from the main menu. You will then need to select the Shop tab at the bottom of the screen.

Once in the shop tab you will see all items available for purchase. Click on the item to see more info and pay.

Choose to add to basket (if you have multiple items/multiple children to add items for) or pay now to be taken straight to checkout.

Some items, such as trips require you to give consent before you can checkout. To do this click the parental consent slide button. From the basket/ pay now option you can then check out as you would online shopping.