

School Catering Update

East Sussex Newsletter

Did you know you might qualify for a free meal, scan the QR code below!

DON'T MISS OUT ON FREE SCHOOL MEALS

MORE FAMILIES THAN EVER NOW QUALIFY FOR FREE SCHOOL MEALS, EVEN IF YOU'VE CHECKED BEFORE.

- ★ If your child's eligible, they can enjoy a **FREE** school lunch every day, saving your family time and money by signing up
- ★ Nutritious meals help keep your child energised and focused throughout the school day
- ★ From September 2026, all Universal Credit households qualify, regardless of income
- ★ Signing up is quick and confidential, and could really make a difference to your child's day

Scan the QR code to find out more, including how to register for free school meals, or contact Chartwells at education.csu@compass-group.co.uk or on free phone 0800 917 6818.

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Upcoming events in October

- Every Thursday in October - Sticker on a plate.
- Exploring British Food Workshops.
- Our **BRAND NEW** Autumn/Winter menu launch after October Half Term

Why choose a school meal?

- Balanced, nutritious meals
- Supports concentration and learning
- Freshly prepared on site and portion-controlled
- Encourages children to try new foods

Meet Marina from Guestling Primary School

My Name is Marina, the Guestling school Cook, I have been with Chartwells for 24 years.

I enjoy working with Children, watching them grow up through school. I always encourage the children to try new foods. I love cooking the food for parents evening too as I can talk to them about their children's favourite dishes!

I've made the Harvest Loaf for the school for the past 8 years. Which always takes centre place at the Harvest Festival Assembly.



How to book

If your child is in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2, meals are funded by the government under the Universal Infant Free School Meals scheme.

If your child is in Year 3 – Year 6, you may be eligible for Free School Meals. Check here [Free School Meals | East Sussex County Council](#) **OR** you can purchase a meal through Parentpay/Arbor.