



Thursday 24th April 2025

Subject: Important Changes to Snack Time Procedures – Recycling Regulations

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are writing to inform you of an important change to our snack time procedures, due to new strict recycling regulations that have recently come into effect for all schools.

In line with guidance from Liverpool City Council, we must now take extra care in how waste is managed within school. As part of these changes, we are required to significantly reduce the amount of non-recyclable waste, and we face the risk of substantial fines if items are incorrectly disposed of.

As a result, we must change what children only in Years 3-6 are permitted to bring into school for snack time.

From now on, children can only bring:

- Preferably one piece of fruit, or vegetable such as a small apple, banana or tangerine
- Fruit or vegetables sliced in a reusable plastic container, which will be taken home at the end of the day.

Under no circumstances should fruit be brought into school in disposable plastic wrapping, bags, or packaging.

If this type of waste is even mistakenly put into the wrong bin, the school may incur a significant fine, which we must avoid. **Children in Reception to Year 2 are not allowed to bring any snack into school as this is provided free of charge to parents/carers under a Government funded scheme.**

Packed Lunches

Children will now be required to take all rubbish home in their packed lunch boxes. Therefore, we kindly ask you to consider what you are putting in your child's packed lunch box moving forward.

Staff will be required to undertake checks of snacks and any items wrapped in plastic or in plastic bags will be sent back home.

We hope you understand why we are implementing this change. Some of our children are very young, and it is simply not feasible for staff to monitor every bin and every item being thrown away throughout the day. These measures are being put in place to ensure we meet the council's requirements while also teaching our pupils the importance of environmental responsibility and sustainability.

Thank you in advance for your support and cooperation as we work together to adapt to these new procedures. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Warm regards,

Miss Peaston

