



16 March 2023

Dear Parent/Carer,

I know that many of you will be observing Ramadan over the coming weeks and that many of our young people will be as well.

In response to parental feedback, and to mitigate against the food waste of previous years, we are introducing an 'ingredient pack' for those pupils who are fasting during Ramadan and are entitled to Free School Meals. This pack replaces the daily collection of a packed lunch that we have previously offered.

The ingredient pack has been put together by our catering company in consultation with parents and is made up to the same value of thirteen days of Free School Meals (the school days during which fasting will be observed upon). All the food provided is shelf stable, long-life products, in line with government guidance.

The ingredient pack will be available to collect from West Office during office opening hours between Monday 27 March and Friday 31 March. The pack will only need to be collected once during this period.

The pack will contain the following:

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| - Dried Pasta | - Cous Cous | - Tinned Tuna Fish | - Tinned Sweetcorn |
| - Tinned Oranges | - Kellogg's Corn Flakes | - Mango Juice | - Tomato Paste |

If your child is not observing Ramadan they will be able to collect and eat their Free School Meal as normal from the canteen as it will be open during this period.

We will automatically be providing an ingredient pack for all Free School Meal eligible pupils unless you request otherwise by completing this form <http://bit.ly/3mViUjg> by Wednesday 22 March 2023 4pm to indicate that they will still be using the canteen.

If your child has not requested to use the canteen via the form above and an ingredient pack has been provided, they will still be able to use the canteen should they wish to do so if there is money in their Parent Pay Account.

If you have any questions about this, please contact the School Office on 0121 783 7807 directly or email enquiry@hodgehill.bham.sch.uk.

Please can I take this opportunity to remind you of the school cost of living support fund that has been provided to us by Birmingham City Council. If you are facing particular hardships, please feel free to get in touch with us using the email address householdsupport@hodgehill.bham.sch.uk All requests will be treated with the utmost confidentiality and we will look at what support we are able to practically provide. This has previously included supermarket vouchers and school uniform.

May I take this opportunity to wish those of you that are observing Ramadan, Ramadan Mubarak.

Yours faithfully,



Hannah Herrmann
Headteacher