



3 February 2026

Free School Meals Ingredient Pack – Ramadan 2026

Dear Parent/Carer,

I recognise that many of you will be observing Ramadan in the weeks ahead and that many of our young people will do so, too. In response to parental feedback, and to reduce food waste from previous years, we will provide an 'ingredient pack' for pupils fasting during Ramadan and entitled to Free School Meals.

Our catering company have created the ingredient pack in consultation with parents. It is equivalent in value to 20 days of Free School Meals (the school days during which fasting will be observed). All the food included is shelf-stable, long-life products, in line with government guidance.

The ingredient pack will be available for collection from the West Office during office opening hours between Monday 23 February and Friday 20 March. The pack will only need to be collected once during this timeframe.

The pack will contain the following:

- Rice Krispies
- Evaporated Milk
- Apple Juice
- Popcorn
- Tuna
- Sweetcorn
- Mango Juice
- Wrap
- Mandarins
- Tomato Paste
- Lasagne Sheets
- Coconut Milk
- Cornflakes
- Hot Chocolate

If your child will not be observing Ramadan, they can collect and eat their Free School Meal as usual from the canteen, which will remain open during this period.

We will automatically provide an ingredient pack for all pupils eligible for Free School Meals unless you indicate otherwise by completing this form (one per child) <http://bit.ly/3mViLJg> by Tuesday 10 February at 3pm to confirm that they will still use the canteen.

If you or your child have not requested to use the canteen via the form above and an ingredient pack has been provided, they will still be able 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.

I would like to take this opportunity to remind you that 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 consider what support we are able to provide practically.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all of you observing Ramadan, Ramadan Mubarak!

Yours faithfully,



Hannah Herrmann
Headteacher