

Market Drayton Infants and Nursery School

Breakfast Club Policy



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Jan 2026	Policy Updated

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1. Policy Intent

The intent of this policy is to provide an inclusive and universal breakfast club for all pupils attending Market Drayton Infant and Nursery School and Market Drayton Junior School. This initiative supports the government's commitment to ensuring every child starts the school day ready to learn, with a nutritious breakfast and a supportive start to the day.

2. Aims

- To support families with childcare and reduce cost-of-living pressures.
- To improve pupil wellbeing, attendance, punctuality, and attainment.
- To ensure a seamless transition into the school day.
- To promote healthy eating in line with School Food Standards.

3. Organisation and Delivery

Location:

The Breakfast Club is located at Market Drayton Infant and Nursery School, in the TED Centre. Entrance is through the TED Centre entrance.

Pupils from Market Drayton Junior School will be escorted to their school site at 8:15am. This will either be on foot or in the school minibus.

Timing:

Breakfast Club operates Monday to Friday, term-time only.

Start time: 7:30 AM

End time: 8:30 AM (followed by transition to classrooms)

Duration:

Breakfast will be available for 30 minutes from 7:30am – 8am.

After 8am until 8:10am, children can still arrive at Breakfast Club but will not have access to breakfast.

Cost:

Until February half term 2026 The cost is £4.50 per child with fees payable via Arbor, by the end of the week of attendance.

Subsidies can be made for Market Drayton Infant School children in receipt of pupil premium funding.

From 25th February 2026, a place at Breakfast Club will need to be booked by Wednesday lunchtime for the following week, with payment being made at the time of booking. Where there is a school holiday, bookings will need to be made by the Wednesday before school breaks up. Unfortunately, if payment is not made in advance, then attendance at Breakfast Club will not be possible. We need to be able to plan in advance the staff needed for the provision.

From 25th February 2026, the cost will remain at £4.50 for Market Drayton Infant & Nursery Children.

The cost will increase slightly to £5 for Market Drayton Junior School to reflect the need for 2 adults to accompany the children.

Refunds cannot be given if a place is booked and not used.

Food Provision:

All food provided will meet the School Food Standards, including the EYFS Nutrition guidance.

Children will be in sight and hearing whilst eating to prevent choking risks.

Dietary needs, including allergies, cultural and religious requirements, will be accommodated.

4. Staffing and Supervision

Staffing Model:

Breakfast Club will be led by a team of qualified learning Support Assistants.

The named lead is: **Deborah Bates**

Staff are trained in food hygiene, allergy awareness, safeguarding, and inclusive childcare practices.

Ratio:

Breakfast Club operates on a ratio of 1:8 for Infant School Children and 1:13 for Junior School Children.

5. Inclusivity and Accessibility

The breakfast club is open to all pupils, including those with SEND and vulnerable children from the age of three years old.

Reasonable adjustments will be made under the Equality Act 2010 to ensure full access.

Staff will work closely with families to understand and meet individual needs.

Staff will pass on any relevant messages to class teachers on transition.

6. Parent and Carer Responsibilities

Parents and Carers will:

- Complete the required permission forms.
- Communicate any dietary or support needs to staff.
- Ensure that their child is brought to Breakfast Club by a responsible adult and that the adult is seen by staff.

Where any of these responsibilities are not carried out, the Breakfast Club place will be withdrawn.

7. Safeguarding and Health

Breakfast Club will follow the school's Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy.

First aid trained staff will be present and any first aid incidents will be reported Medical Tracker.

Procedures are in place for managing illness or emergencies.

8. Behaviour At Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club promotes an atmosphere of care, consideration and respect for everyone attending: children, staff and visitors. We encourage appropriate behaviour

through positive praise for good behaviour, emphasis on cooperative play and sharing, talking to children with courtesy that we expect from them and engaging children in activities.

We have a Positive Behaviour Policy which can be found on our website, it is the same one as is used in both schools.

We recognise that unwanted behaviour can occur from time to time and parents/carers will be informed of any issues. However, physical aggression or behaviour which poses an immediate danger to themselves or others, will require immediate collection. In exceptional circumstances, where repeated behaviour management strategies have been implemented without success, we reserve the right to exclude a child from Breakfast Club.

Breakfast Club is a place of safety and security for the children who attend and the staff who work here, and we reserve the right to withdraw the place of anyone exhibiting inappropriate behaviour.

9. Monitoring and Evaluation

- Regular reviews of attendance, pupil feedback, and staff input.
- Annual evaluation to inform improvements and ensure alignment with DfE expectations.