

The Federation of Heathfield and St Francis Schools



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Dear Parents/Guardians,

At School we aim to make break times part of the children's learning.

The children's communication skills are important (eye pointing, signing, PEC's and verbal communication). They are encouraged to make choices and request items to eat and drink. We aim to reinforce good manners, eating and drinking skills. Some children make their own drinks, serve their peers and clear up afterwards, practising life skills. **This also includes cooking in class.**

We are unable to fund this from the school budget and ask parents to send in a voluntary contribution of £10 to be paid at the beginning of each half term to cover these costs. If your child has a specialised diet and you would prefer to send in food daily or weekly please do so.

Funds provided by parents are also used to buy small consumable items which are used in the classroom on a regular basis such as bubbles, lotions for massage and other sensory items. In addition, the minibuses are used for educational visits related to sporting events, or to support topic work and some funds are used to help with their running costs.

We feel that these skills are an essential part of children's learning.

Best Wishes

Fiona Proffitt

Head of School – St Francis School