



Monday 17th August 2026

New Breakfast Club – Starting Thursday 3rd September 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are delighted to announce the launch of our new **Breakfast Club**, providing children with a positive, healthy and welcoming start to the school day. The Breakfast Club will be available to all children from **Reception to Year 6** and will provide a nutritious breakfast in a safe, welcoming and supervised environment.

There are two options available:

£1 Early Start – 8:00am

For families who require an earlier start, children can attend from 8:00am for a charge of £1 per child. This session must be booked in advance via Arbor. If your child has not been booked onto the 8:00am session, they will not be permitted to enter the school site until 8:15am. Booking is now available via Arbor. Bookings close at 7:00am each day for that day's session, so please ensure you have booked before this time if your child needs to attend from 8:00am.

Free Breakfast Club – 8:15am

Our free Breakfast Club begins at 8:15am and does not require booking. You can simply bring your child to the main school entrance, where they will be signed in before entering the club. Children can arrive between 8:15am and 8:30am. Unfortunately, we will not be able to admit children to the Breakfast Club after 8:30am.

Key Information

- Start date: Thursday 3rd September 2026
- Available for: Reception to Year 6
- Breakfast: A nutritious and varied breakfast will be provided. All allergy and dietary requirements will be taken into account.
- £1 early start: 8:00am – advance booking required via Arbor
- Free Breakfast Club: 8:15am – 8:30am arrival – no booking required
- Entrance: Main school entrance
- Children must arrive by 8:30am

We hope that this new provision will be a valuable addition to our school community and support families with their morning routines, while ensuring that children have the opportunity to enjoy a nutritious breakfast and a positive start to their school day.

We look forward to welcoming the children to our new Breakfast Club from Thursday 3rd September 2026.
Yours faithfully,

Mrs R Spencer

Headteacher

Djanogly Northgate Academy



Frequently Asked Questions

What is the Free Breakfast Club Scheme?

The Free Breakfast Club Scheme is a UK Government-funded initiative, managed through the Department for Education, which provides free, healthy 30-minute breakfast sessions before the school day begins for primary school pupils from Reception to Year 6.

Why has the Government introduced this scheme?

The scheme provides families with a reliable early drop-off option, helping working parents to balance employment and morning routines. It can also help families to reduce childcare costs. The Breakfast Club supports children by providing a positive and calm start to the school day and can contribute to improved punctuality, attendance, behaviour and readiness to learn.

For some children, having this additional time to settle, eat breakfast and spend time with friends before lessons begin can help them to have a particularly positive start to their day.

When does the scheme end?

The scheme is currently ongoing and there is no confirmed end date. As long as there is good engagement from families and the provision continues to be suitable for our school, we intend to keep the Free Breakfast Club in place.

How does the funding work and where does the money go?

New participating schools receive a start-up grant to help cover the costs of establishing the Breakfast Club and purchasing the equipment needed to launch the provision. The school will then receive funding based on the number of children attending. Funding is received termly in arrears.

The funding contributes towards the costs associated with running the Breakfast Club, including staffing, food, facilities and equipment. All funding received will be used towards the running and provision of the Breakfast Club.

Who is eligible to attend?

All pupils from Reception to Year 6 in participating state-funded primary schools are eligible to attend. There is currently no government funding for children of nursery age.

Are places limited?

We cannot limit places or restrict attendance to specific families. All eligible children are welcome to attend the Free Breakfast Club.

Why do I need to pay £1 if I want my child to start at 8:00am?

The Government scheme currently funds 30 minutes of breakfast provision each morning. As our school day begins at 8:45am, our free Breakfast Club can begin at 8:15am. We have therefore decided to offer an additional £1 paid session from 8:00am to support families who need their child to arrive at school before 8:15am.

What breakfast options will be available?

We will provide a range of nutritious and varied breakfast options in line with the School Food Standards. Options may include toast, cereals and fruit. All known allergy and dietary requirements will be taken into account. Please ensure that your child's dietary and allergy information is up to date on Arbor.

How does the timing work?

The Free Breakfast Club will run from 8:15am until 8:45am, when children will be ready to begin the school day. However, children must arrive between 8:15am and 8:30am. The 8:30am arrival cut-off is necessary to ensure that children have a calm start to the morning, the club runs smoothly, staff can complete the necessary cleaning and children can be supported to get to their classrooms ready for the 8:45am start.

Can I choose which days my child attends?

Yes. If you would like your child to attend the paid Breakfast Club from 8:00am, you must book the individual sessions you require through Arbor. If your child is attending the free Breakfast Club, there is no booking required. You can bring your child on any morning between 8:15am and 8:30am. They do not need to attend every day.

All children must be signed in at the main school office before going through to the Breakfast Club.

My child needs additional support. How will they be supported during Breakfast Club?

Any support your child currently receives during the school day will continue to be provided during Breakfast Club where appropriate. There will be an adequate number of staff available during the morning sessions to support children with additional needs and behaviour.

My child doesn't want to eat at school but would like to come early. Can they still attend?

Absolutely. If your child has already had breakfast at home but would still like to attend the Breakfast Club, they are very welcome. Breakfast will still be available should they decide they would like something to eat.

The Free Breakfast Club is not only about eating breakfast. It also provides children with a soft start to the school day, giving them an opportunity to settle in, play with friends and spend some relaxed time at school before lessons begin.

Can I stay with my child during Breakfast Club?

Unfortunately, parents and carers cannot remain with their children during the Breakfast Club session. There will be appropriate staff supervision throughout each session, including a Designated Safeguarding Lead and a trained first aider.

Who is responsible for the Breakfast Club?

The Breakfast Club will be overseen by Mrs Spencer, Headteacher, who will have overall responsibility and final decision-making authority in relation to the provision.

Miss Scholes, Attendance Officer, will be responsible for the day-to-day running of the Breakfast Club.

If you have any questions about the Breakfast Club, please direct these to Miss Scholes at

s.scholes@northgate.djanogly.org, or by calling the school office.