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Catering

Dear parents & carers,

I am pleased to announce that, in our strive to provide our children with the very best, we will be working with Ashlyn's as our catering partner from September 2024. Over the past year, we have reviewed our school meals, investigated a number of different options going forward and decided, with approval from Catalyst Academies Trust, that Ashlyn's offer the best quality meals and value for money. More information about Ashlyn's can be seen in the attached leaflet.

We will continue to work with our current kitchen staff but they will be serving a new menu which will include much more fresh food, directly delivered from Ashlyn's farm. The new menu for our school is attached, please scan the QR code to see the full list of ingredients. Meal prices for children will be £2.40 from 2nd September, this is to reflect increasing costs and is not related to our new catering provider. This is inline with other local schools. Payment for meals will continue to be through the Arbor App and meals must be paid for in advance.

I encourage you to look through the attached menu with your child and get them to try some of the exciting meals on offer, we are confident that the children will notice the improved quality and be excited by the variety of food on offer. We will be looking for feedback from the children about the menu in the first half of the Autumn Term with a view to making changes after half term so please continue to talk to your children about the food at school. As the new school year progresses, we hope to be able to hold an event where we can share some of the food with you.

Please remember, free school meals are available to children when the family is in receipt of certain benefits, if you think this might be you please ask at the office. This is particularly important for children moving into Year 3 in September as they will no longer automatically receive free school meals.

Yours sincerely,

Mr R.Latham
Headteacher