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Dear Parents and Carers

I am writing to inform you about an exciting change that is taking place with our school lunch provision next academic year.

From Sept 3rd 2026 we will be taking our catering fully 'in-house'. Meals will continue to be cooked on our school premises by Mary and the kitchen team but we will no longer be using an external company.

This decision has been made with the wellbeing of our children at its heart, and I would like to outline the key benefits this change will bring:

- As we will set our own menus, we will have the ability to respond to pupils' likes and dislikes and their feedback. The children in school will have the opportunity to share their preferences and have input into the menu design.
- We can offer greater variety in our menus with menu changes happening more frequently throughout the year.
- We can purchase high-quality ingredients and will continue to ensure that meals consistently meet (and exceed) national nutritional standards whilst providing meals that the children enjoy and eat.
- We will continue to support any child with dietary or religious requirements.
- We can use seasonal ingredients and where possible use local suppliers to reduce food miles therefore supporting the schools drive to become more environmentally friendly.
- As a school we wish to support parents financially so have made decision to reduce school meal prices from £3.50 to £3.30 a day.

During this half-term we will be sending additional information home regarding our school catering. This will include free sample tastings of some of our new menu items and in-school competitions that you and your child can get involved in.

We are very much looking forward to the meals that we will be able to offer our children in September but we also need your help. We ask that if your child is in KS2 and does not



currently take up the option of a school meal, when our new menu is released you look at the possibility of them trying 1 or 2 meals a week.

As a school we wish to provide all children with access to a healthy, balanced and enjoyable lunch that provides good value for money for parents. This is the key reason why we have made this decision and hope that you will support us on this.

Kind regards

Mrs J Wass
Headteacher

