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Dear Parent

We are delighted to announce that from September 2017 we will be working in partnership with new caterers *T(n)S Catering Management*, cooking fresh food on site every day under the supervision of a passionate team of chefs and catering professionals. We are proud to be preparing our lunches from fresh, local ingredients every day, and our chef will continue to be able to cater for specific dietary requirements where necessary.

We would like to highlight a few school meal initiatives...

- ✓ All infant pupils up to and including Year 2 are eligible for a **Free** School Meal! With a school meal worth £2.15 and a packed lunch often costing just as much, you could save £408 per child per year!
- ✓ Pupils above year 2 may also be eligible for a free meal – to find out if you are eligible please complete the attached form and return to the main office.
- ✓ All pupils have a choice of two hot main courses, plus jacket potatoes with fillings and a cold sandwich option every day. They have a choice of puddings every day and fresh fruit is always available
- ✓ They can eat as much as they like from our salad bar including a range of salads, raw vegetables, homemade bread and fresh fruit
- ✓ A choice of drinks will accompany their meals, including milk, fruit squash and water.
- ✓ You don't have to sign up for school meals every day if you don't want to; simply choose which days you would like your child to eat and you can supply a packed lunch on other days.
- ✓ If your child happens not to like the meal that was chosen, our on-site chef will change the meal to make sure he/she doesn't go back to class hungry
- ✓ If your child has any allergies or dietary requirements, we can provide any information on our recipes that is needed to help make decisions, and meet with you as the parent or guardian to go through the menus if requested. Our catering staff are all trained in managing allergens and we are always happy to accommodate individual requirements

We prepare our meals fresh on site, using ingredients sourced locally where possible, giving us full control of all the good-ness that goes into our recipes. Meals are nutritional, and we take great pride in ensuring that we get as much of the good stuff in as possible, via our "*Health by Stealth*" ethos, using grated vegetables in our sauces, and packing puddings with hidden fruit. We even cultivate our own yoghurt on site, available daily as a pudding option with lots of yummy fruit toppings.

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In addition to the lunch service, we also offer a daily morning break 'tuck shop' for your children to attend if they wish, where they can pick up a quick snack such as a toasted crumpet, chunks of fresh fruit and much more.

Over the coming year, we will be running various promotions and theme days, and we plan for our Smoothie Bike to visit school, to '*pedal our way to 5-a-day*' ... Theme days such as Halloween, World Book Day and a Menu Writing competition are all to come, so look out for communications in the newsletter to ensure your child can join the fun!

We hope to see your child for lunch soon.

Best Regards

Mr Joe Tewley
Business Manager