

19th July 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

### School Meals

Over the last two years we have conducted a major review of our school meals provision. You may remember that we conducted a survey of parents which advised us that for a third of our children, their school lunch is the main meal of the day. It is always important that we provide children with an enjoyable and nutritious lunch; when the cost of living is such a big issue for families, we are determined to play our part in supporting you by providing a meal you can trust.

I am grateful to a valiant group of governors, parents, colleagues, “Food Champions” (Y4 and Y5 children), and the School Council who have worked very hard in evaluating current provision and defining what we really want. We challenged our catering provider and some improvements took place, not least the popular workshops with Chef Uli. Alongside this we researched the market, spoke to organisations like [School Food Matters](#) and the [Soil Association](#) .

It is important to us that our food should reflect our values as a school - to be healthy, to limit waste, to represent international cuisines, to be sustainable and locally sourced if possible. We want to give the children a better experience when they eat lunch and also to make more direct links with the curriculum, teaching children more about food and how to cook it.

Following a major procurement process, we have appointed a new catering provider, [Stir Food](#). I have attached a parent information leaflet from them so that you can find out more. As the transfer takes place over the summer holiday, we have agreed a basic menu with the company which will be available to book via Parent Pay tomorrow. This will last until October, giving us some time to plan. The daily meal price will be £2.39 which is a 9p / meal increase, but this will be held for three years.

We are optimistic that this is the right company to assist us on our food journey, and hope you will agree. We will hold a tasting event for you in September, and look forward to your feedback.

Best wishes,



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