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Dear Parent(s)/Carer(s)

Re. Change to catering arrangements (16th October 2020)

I am writing to outline some changes that we will be making to our school canteen provision from Monday, 2nd November 2020 (after the October half term).

As you know, since September we have run a limited canteen offer with meals having to be pre-booked through a separate WisePay system. Many pupils have relied on packed lunches.

From Monday, 2nd November 2020, I am pleased to say, we will be opening up our canteen offer and reverting to the former WisePay system we have used in the past. This means that there will no longer be pre-booked meals available.

The canteen will offer a variety of popular food and drink items each day that the pupils can select from. Food and drink bought from the canteen will need to be consumed there.

Year group canteen lunch service

Each year group will have access to the canteen between 13:30-13:50 on one day of the week (see below). This will ensure that we can maintain distance between our year group bubbles. Pupils accessing the canteen at this time will need to wear a mask as they walk between their year group Break Zone and the canteen. They will be able to remove their mask once they arrive in the canteen.

The allocation of days is as follows:

Day	Year group
Monday	Year 7
Tuesday	Year 8
Wednesday	Year 10
Thursday	Year 9
Friday	Year 11

N.B. the days have been allocated so that they do not clash with the year group lunchtime football clubs that have been running all term.

Payment

Pupils will not be able to pre-order their lunch, they can select the food and then pay at the tills using thumb-print recognition (the scanners will be wiped down after every usage). Parents/carers will need to revert to using the WisePay 'Pay for School Meals' system to ensure that children have sufficient funds.

All existing funds on this WisePay system from previous years will be available for pupils to use.

Free School Meals

Pupils who are entitled to Free School Meals will be able to collect their lunch between 13:20 and 13:30 every day. They will no longer need to pre-book their food and will be able to choose from the daily selection that will be available. They will use their thumbprints to check through the tills.

Please be aware that on days not allocated to their year group, pupils will not be able to access the canteen unless they are entitled to a free school meal. This means that pupils will need to continue to bring in packed lunches.

We will continue to monitor and review this canteen provision and make adjustments as necessary.

Thank you for your continued support.

Best wishes



Mr Jeremy Scott
Headteacher