

# CATERING SERVICES UPDATE

Having negotiated the first fortnight of welcoming all pupils back to School, we thought it would be helpful to communicate to both pupils and parents, some of the areas we have been working on.

To ensure that the food offer at the school truly meets the needs and expectations of all age groups and their menu preferences, there are several points we would like to relay and hope you find useful.

## PORTION SIZES

Whilst we will continue to offer the option of a small, medium and large portion, all pupils will be encouraged to ask for what size they would like

## DRINKS

For practical (COVID) reasons we are currently not able to serve water in the dining areas at lunchtime, which is why we ask each pupil to remember to bring their personal water bottle with them.

We put this into place before COVID as the boys wanted to cut down on water wastage

## MENU CHOICE & RANGE

Whilst the decision was made for practical purposes, amidst the considerable COVID challenges, to standardise the menu choices in all areas we are now focusing on a much more bespoke menu choice and selection. This will enable us to deliver a wider daily choice of main meals, vegetarian/vegan options, pasta, as well as a varied salad choice.

As we enter Autumn and Winter the main courses will evolve to be heartier and more substantial, ensuring both the emphasis on fuel and nutrition is recognised.

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## ALLERGENS

For those families with children that have specific food allergies or intolerances, we ask that you encourage your child to identify themselves personally with our teams, to ensure that our teams can provide the appropriate and necessary assistance. Our Allergen Champions can be recognised by their pink 'Ask about allergens' badge.

## COMMUNICATION

Whilst there are clearly several operational and logistical restrictions due to the COVID pandemic, our constant objective and priority is to make dining special. In view of this, we ask that if there are specific points you wish to discuss or raise with us, please do feel comfortable about contacting our Catering Manager.

We will always do what we can to accommodate specific wishes or individual needs if possible.

## MENU SIGNAGE & INFORMATION

Our menus are published on the school website which we hope you will find useful.

The menus and choice options are widely publicised in all the school dining areas and we ask your child to familiarise themselves with these to help them best select what they want as well as assist us in the speed of service.

Our menus will change termly to reflect seasonality and fresh produce availability.

## PRICING

The Schools pricing policy is to ensure that the meals offered deliver real value for money.

Our role is to demonstrate we are able to achieve this whilst delivering on our nutritional and wellbeing responsibilities. We will always ensure there is a great meal available to every pupil every day.

