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Dear Parents / Carers

Re: Changes to school meals

I am writing to announce that we will be benefiting from the services of a new school meals provider after half term. Our new provider will be Chartwells.

Chartwells is the UKs leading school and education catering company, who are passionate about bringing nourishing food to schools and educational environments. They pride themselves on delivering nutritious, balanced and sustainable recipes, which are accessible to every student. Through their initiatives, Chartwells are able to educate students on how wholesome, nutritionally balanced food can support mental and physical wellbeing.

The new menus, which will start from Monday 31 October 2022, can be found on our website https://www.newbold.outwood.com/posts/4508 and give you a full flavour of what options will be available at break and lunchtime.

The partnership between the academy and Chartwells is something that we are really looking forward to developing.

Natasha's Law - Food labelling

I would also like to take this opportunity to raise awareness regarding Natasha's Law. I'm sure that you will already be aware that Natasha's Law requires all businesses to provide full ingredient lists and allergen labelling on food packaging, which is done via the onsite catering team. If your child does have an allergy, please ensure we are aware so that this can be recorded on your child's record. Details regarding allergies can be seen by the catering team and discussions with students will take place if a student tries to purchase an item that would cause an allergic reaction. A food allergen list is also displayed on the counter each day for students to read, if they wish to check this themselves.

Free School Meals (FSM)

All children aged 3 to 18 at Derbyshire schools can get a free meal if they qualify. I can confirm that the daily allowance for a FSM is now £2.60. Qualifying criteria for this is as follows:

- Universal Credit, provided they have an annual net earned income not exceeding £7,400 (£616.67 per month)
- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guarantee element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190) as assessed by HMRC
- Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)

If you think your child is eligible to receive FSMs, further details and the application form can be found on the Derbyshire County Council (DCC) website at:

https://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/education/schools/your-child-at-school/meals/school-meals/free-school-meals.aspx

Once an application form has been agreed by DCC, the academy will be notified directly and our records will be updated accordingly.

If you require any further information regarding any of the topics above, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully

Helen Atkins Business Manager