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Dear Parents and Carers,

School Meals Update

We have recently undertaken a review of our school meal provision, and we are pleased to confirm that we will be working with Oxfordshire County Council Catering Services, starting in September 2023.

The 'Let's Eat Together' initiative meets the criteria for providing balanced and healthy food for the children. In addition, we are also pleased with OCC's commitment to reducing waste (both food and non-food), and the fact that they are non-profit.

As a result of the provider change, there will be some changes to the menu offered. Every day there will be three options: meat, vegetarian and vegan, with at least one of the options each day suitable for egg-free, dairy-free and gluten-free diets.

The cost of meals will be £2.40 from September. We have not increased the price for a number of years and this reflects the rising cost of food supplies.

Children in Reception (Maple Class), Year 1 and Year 2 will continue to be eligible for free meals under the Government's Universal Infant Free School Meals scheme.

We will be sending out the menu as soon as Scopay has been updated, ready for ordering in September. Our ordering system will remain the same, where choices need to be made by Wednesday evening for the following week.

You can, of course, continue to send your child with a packed lunch from home if you would prefer.

Special Dietary Needs:

As we are changing provider (and personal information cannot be transferred from the previous provider due to data protection), a new special diet form will be sent to all current children with dietary needs. All new children will also be asked whether this is a requirement.

Once the form has been completed, it will be copied to the kitchen staff so they are aware of the details. For dairy-free, egg-free and gluten-free diets, choices can be made from the main menu. For more complex special dietary needs, OCC will review the information for each child and provide menu options to meet with your child's needs.

Please contact the school office with any queries.

Yours sincerely

Mr I Horner
Headteacher

