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Dear Parents/Carers,

New dinner ordering system

We are excited to let you know we will be changing the way children choose their school lunches after the summer holiday. This will allow parents to view their balance and previous orders, and choose their lunches for the coming term.

We will continue to offer 3 choices each day e.g. Meat option, Vegetarian or Jacket Potato.

Using the current school dinner payment system, Tucasi, parents will be required to choose their child's lunch one week in advance before a lunch is required. Parents may choose and pay for their child's lunch up to the whole term in advanced if desired. Children will no longer need to choose their lunch with their teacher in the morning. Children in Reception and KS1 are entitled to universal free school meals but will still need to choose their lunch via Tucasi. For children in KS2 all lunches must be paid for in advance, as you will only be able to place an order for lunch if your account is in credit.

The cost of a school meal in September will be £2.35 per day. This equates to a weekly payment of £11.75 or £91.65 for the first half of the Autumn term if your child has a school dinner every day.

Your child may be eligible for free school meals

If you receive a government benefit, such as Income Support or Jobseeker's Allowance or are eligible for Universal Credit, your child may still qualify for a free school meal. You can find information about eligibility criteria online at <https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals>. If you would like to discuss how to apply for this, please feel free to contact the school to request more information.

You may now choose to have school meals on some days and packed lunch on others.

If your child has dietary requirements and you have completed a special diet form the kitchen will adhere to your instructions.

Without the need for parents or the school to complete paper forms we are looking forward to providing you with a more streamlined service, which is also more ecologically friendly.

Yours sincerely

Mrs W Pyke
School Business Manager