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Dear Parents/Carers,



We are pleased to introduce to you Caterlink, who will be our new catering company from September 2025 onwards.

Over the past few months, we have engaged children, staff and our parent perspective group in this change to improve the school's catering offer and meals for children. We are now able to share the attached new menu and that the meal price will be £3.00.

There are numerous benefits to this company for both parents and the school:

- Better meal price for the school and parents - £3.00, a 20p reduction per meal per child (this will be updated on Parentmail from September)
- Healthier food options
- Better quality food produce
- X3 menu options – meat, vegetarian and jacket potato option (x4 in the summer!)
- Packed lunches available for any child on school trips (booked in advance)
- More sustainable working practices
- Retaining our current fantastic catering team
- Investment from the company into the school
- Support from the company during Design and Technology cooking days

These elements remain the same:

- Children will continue to order in the mornings when they arrive.
- Children in Year R, One and Two are entitled to Universal Free School Meals.
- Children entitled to Free School Meals will continue to receive these free.
- Parents required to pay for meals must do so through Parentmail prior to their child ordering – we do not allow debt to accrue.
- Special diets can be supported through communication with the school office – these parents will receive a further communication requesting new documentation and also includes those with nut allergies (although the menu is fully nut-free).

Caterlink recently presented delicious samples to our Pupil Leadership Team and at our new Early Years intake meeting. They will be joining us for Sports Day to introduce themselves. We thank you for your support as this transition takes place.

Kind regards,

Mrs R Griffiths
Headteacher