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Dear Parent/Carer

School Catering Operations from September 2024

Firstly, we would like to thank you for the support that you have given the school as we launched several initiatives within our catering department. We are excited to share some important updates regarding our lunch time operations, which were driven by feedback from various stakeholder groups as evident in the recent survey conducted among parents, pupils, and staff. Your feedback has been invaluable, and we are grateful for your active participation.

New Dining Hall and Additional Seating - one of the major changes we are implementing is the addition of a new dining hall. This new facility will offer 150 additional seats, significantly reducing the waiting times and ensuring that all students have a comfortable and timely dining experience. We believe this will greatly enhance the overall lunchtime atmosphere and provide a more pleasant environment for our students. We will install a new "Fast Lane" to eliminate long queues and allow for a separate line for students opting for sandwiches and biscuits. The extension of lunch times by ten (10) minutes will allow students more time to enjoy their meals, use toilets, socialise and play, and relax before returning to their afternoon classes.

Menu Review and Improvements – in response to the survey results, we have also undertaken a comprehensive review of our lunch and snacks menu. Our goal is to provide a wider variety of healthy and delicious options that cater to diverse dietary needs and preferences. We are working closely with catering team to ensure that the new menu meets the highest standards of quality and taste and ensure that our school lunches offer well-balanced meals that always include protein, whole grain, milk, fruit, and vegetables. We would want our school meals to be both healthy and delicious and served to pupils at a right portion.

To view our two-week menu from the next academic year, please click on the link below. Our menu will also feature a themed-lunch once every term so pupils will get to have a 'taste' of different cuisine from across the world. Our meal deal price will be set at **£2.60** which is aligned with the price of the rest of Warrington schools. A 'meal deal' is a set of menu which includes the *main meal*, a *drink* (water, flavoured drink, juice or milk carton) and a choice of a *biscuit* or *piece of fruit*.

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In addition, we also offer Grab & Go hot foods, sandwiches and wraps for students who would prefer to have more time to socialise, focus on their studies or attend extracurricular and playtime activities



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during lunch time. Student can also order snacks during morning breaks from a wide variety of choices such as: toast, hash browns, pancakes, teacakes, crumpets, cheese on toast, croissants, pizza bagels, bacon barm, sausage barm, and sausage muffins with cheese. Please see link for our Pod Menu: https://app.iamcompliant.com/policy/preview/31885/y7JSHn6NRI76175b?organisation_slug=1562184198

Nutrition information are available upon request. Please let us know if your child has a specific dietary requirement.

Cashless Catering System – for those who are already registered on IPayimpact, please carry on topping up your child's account and monitor the balance on a daily basis. For those who are not registered yet, please visit <https://www.ipayimpact.co.uk/IPI/Account/Register>; the school have previously sent out a Pupil ID/Account Ref, which you will need when registering. The cashless system will allow parents to have more control of lunch payments and enjoy the convenience of paying for lunch money in advance online. Cashless meals are accounted in real-time, meaning your child can spend any money you have added within minutes. Pupils under the Free School Meals programme do not need to pay but will still need an iPayimpact account for snacks and other items to be purchased in school.

5-Star Hygiene Rating – our catering and kitchen facilities has maintained a 5-star food hygiene rating awarded in May 2022 by the Environment Health Office. This is the highest rating possible for food hygiene and food standards. Our kitchen area is being inspected every year by our health and safety consultant to ensure that it adheres to the food safety and hygiene legislations. This is a testament to the exceptional standards in food hygiene and cleanliness that our catering team has set alongside preparing such delicious and healthy meals for us all every day.

We constantly review our lunch time operations – our menu and overall service, to ensure that these are widely received by the students, parents and staff and that they meet our objectives. We believe that when students eat a healthy lunch and get to enjoy lunch breaks - they are better prepared to learn throughout the day.

We are confident that these improvements will greatly benefit our students, enhancing their lunchtime experience and overall well-being. Should you have any questions or require further information, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Thank you once again for your valuable feedback and continued support. I hope you have a lovely summer.

Yours sincerely



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