

7th October 2025

Dear Parents & Carers

Aspens Catering Services in our Schools

We are nearing the end of the current cycle of school meal menus as we approach half term, after which you will see a new, exciting set of 3 weekly cycle menus starting from 1st November 2025.

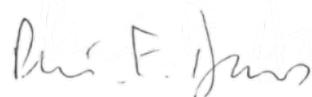
We have listened to the views of pupils and parents and have ensured the new menus consist of some of the old favourites, with a wider variety of desserts. We have simplified the meal names and widened the choice of meals to create more exciting menus. The vegetarian/non-meat meals will be more closely aligned to the main meals, so all pupils can enjoy school dinners. We will continue to offer pasta and jacket potatoes with a choice of toppings, home baked bread and unlimited salad. There will also be regular Theme Days throughout this academic year, featuring fun menus, so do look out for these, as I know the pupils really enjoy these days.

You will all know that the cost of living rises have meant that food costs generally have risen this year. It is a natural process for school meals to increase each year in line with these rising costs. However, this year we have held the increase to the very minimum that we could, with a price rise from 1st November of 5p, taking the paid meal price to £2.75 (from last year's £2.70). We have also delayed this price increase until 1st November, so pupils have benefitted from the £2.70 prices from September up to October half term.

If your child is entitled to Free School Meals, please do ensure your pupil is registered for these, otherwise they are missing out. If you have any questions about Free School meals, please speak to your School Office staff who are happy to support you.

If your child generally brings in a packed lunch, please do share the new menu's with them and see if they would like to switch to school meals, where they will benefit from a hot meal each day, particularly as we are now entering into the colder Winter months.

Yours faithfully and God Bless



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