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Dear Parents,

Upper School - Dinner Orders – First half of Autumn Term 2018

Although the Universal **Free** School Meals Service is only available to children in Years R, 1 and 2, hot meals will continue to be available to children in Years 3 and 4 from September at a cost of £2.30. Please find, attached, the form for ordering School Dinners for the first half of the Autumn term 2018.

Please be aware that there is a new “3 Week” Winter Menu to order from. You can see the meal choices available on these new weekly menus on the School’s Website following the tabs for “Information” and “Class Catering.” We would be grateful if you would complete and return your order forms by no later than **9.15am on Wednesday 4th July**.

You will notice that there is not a packed lunch option for Upper School children. In addition, when Class Catering receive the number of School dinners ordered, their staff use their knowledge of past uptake at our School when estimating how many servings of the main option and how many servings of the vegetarian option that they need to provide. However, if you wish to declare that your child is a vegetarian on the form, they will ensure that the vegetarian option is always offered to your child.

We are not able to offer a perfect pre-ordering system, simply because there are too many variables (namely 300 pupils aged 4 – 9 who may not remember what they ordered or have decided that they would like something different) to administer it efficiently. As a result, when parents order a hot dinner, we cannot guarantee 100% of the time that all of the children will get the exact dinner of their choice as there may be **rare** occasions when one choice has gone for the last few children to be served. However, even on these rare occasions, there should always be a full salad cart, at least one choice (possibly the vegetarian option) and, possibly, a jacket potato to choose from.

Each day, approximately 20 jacket potatoes are brought as a back-up for when children insist they do not like the hot dinner that has been requested for them on that day. However, **jacket potatoes cannot be pre-ordered**. The Servers use their knowledge of the children to share these out as fairly as they can. Children **are not** allowed to have a jacket potato every day. Without the jacket potatoes, we would have some upset and hungry children on a daily basis. By adding the jacket potatoes to the food brought, Class Catering do have to reduce the number of meals they bring although they do provide for at least 15 more meals, including Jacket Potatoes, than have been ordered on a daily basis.

Any concerns about any aspect of School dinners should be directed, initially, through your child’s class teacher. Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Stuart Evans
Head Teacher

