



22nd January 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

As you may recall from a letter we sent to you last summer, we have been exploring our options as a growing Trust in respect of school catering to ensure that we continue to deliver good value for money as well as quality food for our families. We are now excited to announce that we have partnered with **Miquill Catering** to provide delicious and nutritious meals for our students. Miquill are dedicated to making lunchtimes for children both appealing and wholesome; they cook fresh, well-balanced meals from scratch every day because they care about providing high quality food and good customer service.

Miquill's menus feature both meat and vegetarian choices, all freshly cooked, and they also cater well for other, more specific dietary requirements. In addition to the main hot meal options, jacket potatoes, pasta and sandwiches will be available daily. They source top-quality ingredients from local suppliers where possible, to ensure everything that goes into their meals is fresh and environmentally friendly. You can see the proposed new menu attached to this email.

Your child will still be served by their familiar, friendly catering team, who are transferring over to work directly for Miquill. Changes that will take place at lunchtime are: new promotional materials in the dining hall, new staff uniforms and a very different and attractive counter display of food.

Miquill will be holding their own records regarding dietary requirements therefore if your child has an **allergy or medical condition** that affects their diet, it is very important that you take the following action so that a menu can be created to meet their needs. **Please complete the attached form or request a printed copy from your school office if required. Forms need to be completed and returned to your school office by Monday 27th January.** Please note there is a nut-free policy in all of our kitchens.

The new caterers will be starting in your child's school after half-term, from **Monday 24th February**. Further details will be communicated in due course regarding how to order meals.

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As regards cost, we will continue to hold the per meal cost at £3.10 for paying families for the remainder of the academic year and the Trust will continue to cover the resulting deficit, which, whilst not extinguished, happily has reduced as a result of our new Trust-wide catering contract. We will carry out a further cost review for 2025-26. Importantly, we are confident that the quality and quantity of food that will be provided by Miquill under our new arrangement make the cost very good value for money in the current economic climate. We look forward to receiving your and your children's feedback in due course.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,



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