



6th September 2017

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Dear Parents / carers and students,

Catering Provision 2017

I am writing to inform you that at the end of last term, we decided to provide our canteen provision in house from this September. Previously we outsourced this service to an external company; however, we now feel that we are in a great position to do this using our own catering staff. We are delighted that all the existing staff have stayed with us and therefore, students will not see any changes to the team, cooking or delivery of their food.

Over the summer, the dining room has had a makeover and the menu ingredients have been developed using local suppliers and local produce. We will now have a daily Salad Bar at lunchtimes and Chicken Bar at break times. Hot meals are always available and all of the most popular items have been retained. The menu offers variety and provides for students with specific dietary needs. Fresh bread is made on site and will be available free of charge with our daily soup and salad selections. We have a large selection of healthy, freshly prepared fruit, salad and yoghurt during service times. Breakfast is still available from 8:00am and after school we offer a selection of snacks and drinks to take away.

There has been no change to ParentPay or the revalve machines within school. 6th Form students can now pay for any items using cash as well as their cards during the day. The daily limit, which was set at £5, has been removed but families can set a new amount. If you wish to set a daily limit then please email kitchen@wollaston-school.net with your child's details and the limit you wish to set.

A daily hot meal now costs £2.50 in line with the Free School Meal rate. There are cheaper items available and we do offer a daily meal deal. We have a broad pricing structure that enables a student to buy a sandwich from 60p to £2.80. Hot and cold drinks vary depending on brand and size. We have tried to keep prices as competitive as possible but as you are aware food and utility costs have risen over the past few months and we have to ensure we cover our costs.

If students that receive Free School Meals wish to buy other items during the day this needs to be paid into their accounts in advance. Free School Meal funding can only be exchanged for a meal or compliant items. Our Heads of Year are always available to discuss how we can support students selecting the right items during the day if needed.

Over the next few months we will be asking for feedback from students as we are very keen to develop a whole school offer that both complies with legislation, but students still enjoy.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or seek further clarification.

Yours sincerely

Wayne Taylor
Business Manager