

Dear Parents & Carers,

We wrote to you prior to the Easter break to inform you of the change to our catering providers, updated menus are available on our website <a href="https://www.cleevepark-tkat.org/information-for-parents/attending-cleeve-park-school/eating-in-the-canteen/">https://www.cleevepark-tkat.org/information-for-parents/attending-cleeve-park-school/eating-in-the-canteen/</a>. You should have access to your child's Wisepay account and be able to update your account. We urge you to check this in advance of Monday so that any issues can be resolved.

We are very mindful of the current financial crisis that we are all facing both personally and within schools so I am writing to you to update you with the arrangements regarding paying for school meals. Despite food costs rising significantly our new catering providers have assured us that they will endeavour to keep costs low and the current cost of free school meals will remain the same. This is excellent news as it will continue to provide a full meal and details of some of the options available within the FSM and meal deal price are attached which include the main meal with desert of the day or a drink and then the 'blue dot' combination. We would also like to take the opportunity to promote the free breakfast available in the ACE room every morning that children may access. This is available from 7.55am to 8.25am to all children who are eligible for free school meals.

At the end of last term we wrote to parents individually in regards to any outstanding debt or credit that may remain within their child's dinner account. Thank you to those parents who were able to make some contribution to this but unfortunately a small outstanding debt remains. In order to start the new catering arrangements positively, I have agreed to write off the debt that is left but unfortunately we will be unable to continue to do so going forwards.

With the new company, student accounts are unable to now go into debt so it is important that you discuss this with your child and advise them on managing their money wisely. It is therefore important that your child has sufficient funds within their canteen account each day or remains within the free school meals allowance of £2.57, we also try to support this so that any FSM balance at the end of each day is rolled over within the week and not cleared until the end of the week. We appreciate that different children have different size appetites but it is important that we remain within the limits of their account or the financial contribution for free school meals.

In an ideal world we would be able to provide free school meals for <u>all</u> children regardless of circumstance however, we are all very aware of the financial constraints that are facing schools at the moment so it is important that we target the limited financial funds we have in the right areas. This includes classroom resources, equipment and books as well as food. However, should you be facing financial hardship or require support please contact your pastoral support leader who may be able to direct you to specific organisations of support.

Thank you for your support in the transition to the new catering arrangements.

Your sincerely

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# 4 ITEMS

# **COLD DELI**

A Selection of Rolls: Cheese, Tuna, Ham

### **DRINKS**

Radnor Small Slush Small Gen Juice

HOT BLUE DOT
Hot blue dot item of the day
Pizza Melt Bap
Pizza Quesadilla
Cheese Toasty Bap
Garlic Bread

## **40Z POTS**

Selection of fruit pots Selection of jelly pots

# **HOMEBAKES (Varied Daily)**

Mini Flapjack
Mini Brownie
Mini Shortbread
Mini Muffin