

16th June 2010

Dear Parent / Carer

Re: School Catering Service

As part of our on-going building programme we are planning to improve our catering and dining facilities. In order for the work to be completed on time for the start of the new school year in September, the builders need to start their works before the end of this term. This will mean that we will need to operate without our main school kitchen from Friday 18 June until the end of term.

During this period we will operate a restricted food service from a temporary kitchen in the dining hall. Students will be able to buy a range of cold snacks and drinks at the normal times but unfortunately we will not be able to provide a hot food service. Students eligible for free school meals will be able to access this limited provision.

Whilst we realise that this is a temporary inconvenience, it will give us the opportunity to offer improved facilities for the new school year. This enables us to undertake this crucial part of the building work at a time when there are fewer students in school, thus limiting the impact of the building work and improving the lunchtime experience for all students in the longer term. Another part of these changes involve implementing split lunchtimes from September. There are a number of benefits from this system, not least from a safeguarding point of view, as it will reduce the number of students that need to be supervised at any time, as they will be in zoned areas. There will also be less pressure in the canteen with shorter queues, allowing students more time to enjoy their meal. The long term aim is for all students to remain on site during lunchtime. The times for the sessions are as follows:

First session from 12.05pm – 12.55pm each day – Year 7,9,11
Second session from 1.05pm – 1.55pm each day – Years 8 and 10

The current rules stating which students are allowed to leave the site at lunchtime will remain the same. Years 10-13 are allowed off site unless concerns are raised or parents request otherwise. Years 7-9 are expected to be in school unless we receive a written request for a child to go home. We will of course monitor and evaluate these changes.

If there are any specific problems that relate to the above changes, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Yours sincerely,

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