

20th January 2020

Dear Head Teacher,

New Menus

As you know Nottingham Catering are proud to provide high quality school menus, achieving Silver Food for Life accreditation and constantly meeting the School Food Standards. To help us achieve this we focus on using seasonal produce from local suppliers to ensure best possible quality of produce. We are planning to improve the alignment of the menu cycle to fit more logically with the academic year.

Current Cycle

The current two-menu cycle runs from the Easter half term until October half term and subsequently from October half term until Easter half term.

New Cycle

We will be changing our menu periods to February half term through to end of summer term. Then from the new year in September through to the February half term.

As this will be an in-year change for this first occurrence, we will start the Spring/ Summer menu on Monday 2nd March 2020 to enable us to have sufficient time to get it ready for all schools and ensure a smooth transition. We believe that this change will be beneficial and simplified for pupils and parents, as it introduces new pupils to a fresh menu that is served for a full term, to help with a consistent approach to them starting school. It continues to be in line with seasonal foods and menus and allows us to use the best produce at that time of year.

We are seeing a general increase in allergen and special diet requirements within our schools. The new schedule will help us manage the demands for this against a more logical menu cycle. We will be sending out a new Special Diet procedure to all schools in the next month.

Pricing

We understand that many families of children in our schools are in difficult financial circumstances and therefore we are pleased to confirm that the current pupil paid meal price will not be increased this year and will remain at £2.00 for Nursery meals and £2.15 for Primary meals. We will review this again ahead of April 2021, when any future revised price will be applied.

We are looking forward to serving our new menus starting from March 2020

Kind Regards **Nottingham Catering**

