



## IMPORTANT CHANGES TO SCHOOL MEALS PROVISION

18 March 2021

Dear Families

I am writing to let you know of the important changes to our school lunch provision which will come into effect from Tuesday 13 April.

**We have decided to provide school meals 'in house' from the first day back after the Easter break.** This means that we will no longer be working with Dolce. The governors of our school believe that, by doing this, we can provide nutritious meals cooked in our own kitchen by our own staff. Miss Booker and Mrs Dickinson will now be employed by the school.

We have devised new menus and very much hope that you will encourage your children to try the new meals as, in doing so, you will be directly supporting our school budget. We have had to make a small price increase to enable us to 'make ends meet' but there is currently no intention to make a profit from the service. We hope that the new arrangement will be sustainable over time.

Your **SchoolGrid** account will obviously become obsolete from the end of this term and Dolce have informed us that you must contact them directly for any applicable refund; I am sorry this is the case.

We have invested in a new online order system through **Parent Pay** and the school meal option will be added to your account on Monday 22 March. You will be able to view the menus for the whole of the summer term and pre-order meals from this date for after Easter.

We believe that taking control of our school meals' service is a positive step for our school family; no doubt there will be some start-up 'glitches', so please bear with us. I will send further information home before the end of term.

Kindest regards

Fiona Beetles