

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> June 2025

School dinner change

Dear Parent/Carers,

After 14 wonderful years of dedicated service to our school, our much-loved chef, George Johnson, retired at the end of last term. We will certainly miss him—especially his incredible cake-making skills—but we wish him all the very best for a happy and relaxing retirement. To mark his final day, our staff and children came together to sing a personalised song in his honour, a heartfelt thank-you for his unwavering commitment to providing high-quality hot meals every day.

Last week, we welcomed an interim cook, and this week we are pleased to introduce Claire as our new permanent cook. Claire worked alongside George for many years, so she is very familiar with the kitchen and the needs of our children. She is already preparing meals to a high standard and is settling into the role well.

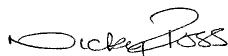
We are aware that a small number of children have mentioned the food tasting or looking a little different. I have explained to them that every cook brings their own unique style to the kitchen, even when using the same ingredients and following the same menu.

We're confident that, over time, the children will adjust to the change and enjoy some of the new ideas that will be introduced to the menu—many of which have come directly from pupil suggestions through our School Council.

We place great value on pupil voice and always strive to reflect it in our school life.

**PLEASE NOTE THAT CHILDREN CANNOT SWITCH TO PACKED LUNCH WITHOUT PRIOR NOTICE.**

Kind regards,



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