

Dear families

Family Dining is such a valuable part of our academy day and means every student and adult has a role to play: from collecting plates and cutlery to helping pour water and serve the food, representing our value of independence. It is highly successful in promoting social skills and contributes to the family nature of the academy. The menu is regularly reviewed and our student council are consulted to ensure the menu reflects the preferences of our students. The charge per meal for Family Dining is £2.45 per day (for Year Three – Year Six students). Family dining remains government funded for all students in EYFS, Year One and Year Two and any student eligible for Free School Meals in Key-Stage Two.

The academy has had an increasing number of requests by families to bring packed lunches on ad hoc days. In the first instance, please encourage your child to try the food and explain the health benefits of having a varied diet. Staff will always prompt students to try new foods and, of course, will ensure that students eat an appropriate amount of food available e.g. additional portions of the side dishes, snacks and fruit.

As stated in the family handbook, students may only bring a healthy packed lunch (no sweets, chocolate bars or fizzy drinks) if agreed one term in advance with the Principal. This process should be followed whether the student wishes to move to packed lunches every day or even just for one day in the fortnightly menu. The reasoning behind this is so that the kitchen team have enough time to adjust orders from suppliers and reduce waste and excess costs within their ever tightening budgets.

Please be reminded that we are a nut free academy. If a student brings in anything deemed unsuitable by the academy, items will be confiscated and returned to parents at the end of the academy day.

If agreed (one term in advance) a menu will be sent home for you to amend and return the office for our records. The agreed days will not be charged. Any swaps or changes mid-way through the term will continue to be charged via ParentPay, for the remainder of the term.

Yours faithfully

Mrs Morrissey
Head of School

Miss Steele
Principal

