

June 2021

Dear Parent

Re: Catering Update

Since the students have returned to face to face learning in school our catering suppliers, Caterlink have been keen to improve the service provided to students. The appointment of a new friendly and proactive kitchen manager, Liz has meant that students have continued to be served nutritional meals even with food supplier issues due to Covid.

Liz will be meeting with students from each year group later this month to gain valuable feedback about what food offering they would like to see in the future. This will then inform the creation of next year's menus to ensure that there are sufficient choices and students feel involved in the development of the catering provision across the school.

Please be advised the meal tariff at the school has not been increased for several years and currently does not cover the increased costs in food. **Therefore, it is necessary to increase the price of the meal of the day to £1.85 and the meal deal to £2.50 with effect from 7th June 2021.**

Students on Free Schools Meals will continue to be eligible for the daily meal deal and there will be no change to the products students can choose.

The daily spend limit on the cashless catering system will be automatically increased to reflect the increase in the meal tariff. This will ensure students can continue to purchase the same amount of food and drink they currently do.

Caterlink are keen on improving their communication with our parents and students and will be providing up to date information to be uploaded to the school website week commencing 7th June. This will include the new tariff and June/July menus. The school will work with Caterlink to ensure that the catering information on the website is updated every half term.

I do hope you will understand that the decision to increase the cost of the daily meal has not been taken lightly, and that the increase has been kept to a minimum to support families.

If your family has had a change of circumstances and you feel your child may qualify for free school meals please email us at fsm@thecompton.org.uk.

Should you have any queries regarding the catering provision at the school please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully

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