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Dear Parent/Carer

School Meals Provision

St Mary's Academy Trust have taken the decision to switch from a contract caterer to In- house catering.

One of the main reasons for doing so is to have greater control of our purchasing needs, previously we were greatly restricted on what ingredients and products we would see on our menus. For us this hasn't worked and to offer greater flexibility on your child's return to school after the summer break, we will be operating the school meals provision In-House.

When it comes to nutrition, we are keen to provide complete transparency on our menus to reassure parents of our focus on delivering nutritionally balanced menus which are constructed in a way that works. We break everything down and ensure that all our menus are reviewed regularly and comply to the Governments school food standards. Constructing balanced menus at the outset is a hard task. You need to make sure that the meals are providing the children with everything they need to help them maintain concentration and keep energy levels up during the day. Plus, they need to be appetising, so children look forward to mealtimes.

The In-house provision will operate under the principle that it is for you and your child as the customer to assist the school to define our quality service. Consequently, we regard communication with you and our other customer groups as the most effective mechanism for delivering both quality and ongoing improvement.

To make sure we fully understand what everyone wants from their lunchtime and whole school food provision, school will conduct regular surveys, send out newsletters, hold parents' presentations, and give you and your child the opportunity to discuss school meals with staff.

We are looking forward to bringing catering back in-House to improve standards, taking control of the meals service to ultimately ensure that pupils are receiving the best food possible during the school day.

Melanie Priestley
Chief Executive
St Marys Academy Trust

