

Nursery to Year 9 school meal changes

Letter to parents of children at the Older Years Site

Dear parents and carers,

We are pleased to share that from Monday 5th October we will be changing our school meal provision so that all children from Nursery to Year 9, who have started the year with packed lunches, will receive hot meals. We have received feedback on the catering provision from the Parent Council, and have planned this change to maintain a Covid-secure lunch operation whilst also providing the best possible lunch experience for our pupils. We always intended to switch from the more limited packed lunch offer we have had in place, and are pleased we are now able to bring forward this new provision.

Meals in year groups Reception to Year 9 will continue to be eaten in classrooms, but will now be delivered in thermoboxes to retain their heat, and will be served in biodegradable boxes to children at their desks. Nursery (only) will continue to eat in the hall. Years 10 to 13 will continue with their provision which is possible due to their year group bubbles.

We have worked with Accent to develop a menu which offers two choices per day, on a fortnightly cycle. Option B will always be a vegetarian choice, but anyone is welcome to select this option, not just vegetarians. The menu is now live on the website. Please read through the menus with your child, then follow this link, which will take you to a form.

Here you will be able to select your child's choice for each day of the two-week cycle. These selections will remain in place for your child until the end the term, in December. Please do also provide dietary or medical information relevant to school meals in this form. You can review the allergen information for each meal on the menu as well.

This form needs to be submitted by **5pm Monday 28**th **September**. If a form is not completed for a child by this date, then they will receive Option A every day, unless we already know that they are vegetarian, in which case they will receive Option B every day. We will not be able to process late requests.

May I also take this opportunity to remind you that unless your child is on Free School Meals, payments must be made
regularly for school meals. It is £2.00 at YYS and £2.50 at OYS. Payments are made through Parent Pay. If you do not
have access to your Parent Pay account please contact <u>parents@kingsolomonacademy.org</u> as soon as possible.
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