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Dear Parent/Carer

Catering update including steps to address the reduction of plastic bottle usage

Since the start of the school year, we have been working closely with our caterers Academy Catering to look at ways in which we can reduce the environmental impact of our catering operation. Steps to date include; sourcing local produce and in season produce in order to cut down on food mileage, the use of biodegrade plastic products, the use of products made from recycled plastic e.g. drinks bottles, ensuring all waste that can be recycled, is recycled, composting food waste where possible. At a recent pupil parliament meeting, members discussed the possibility of creating wormeries to reduce the amount of food waste going into land fill. This is something we will be looking to introduce at KMS in the very near future.

From Monday 28th March we be also making major changes to our menus in relation to the meal deal offers. In order to try and reduce the number of plastic bottles sold each day, bottled water will no longer form part of any meal deal. Instead, we will provide 'hydration stations' where pupils can access drinking water for free. Pupils are encouraged to bring their drinks bottles in to lunch with them; reusable cups will also be provided. Bottled drinks will still be available to purchase at an additional cost however we are reducing the size of all bottles sold to 330ml. Not only does this mean there is less plastic in each bottle sold, we will also introduce a rule that no bottles are allowed to be taken out of the dining room and all bottles must be placed in the recycling bins. Currently, we let the pupils take the 500ml bottles out of the dining room as we think it is unrealistic to expect them to finish these as part of their meal.

Whilst we are taking water away from our meal deals, all 'snack' meal deals will now include wedges and a salad. This change is a direct response to feedback from our recent catering survey. We have also simplified the pricing of our meals and meal deals as follows-

- Main meal - £2
- Main meal deal (includes a desert) - £2.35
- Snack option (e.g. pizza, panini) with wedges and a salad £2
- Snack option meal deal (as above but with a desert) £2.35
- Jacket potato with 2 fillings and a salad - £2
- Jacket potato meal deal (as above but with a desert) £2.35
- Pasta £2
- Pasta meal deal (with a desert) £2.35



Drinks are still available to buy at an additional cost however, as previously mentioned, all pupils will have access to free water via the hydration stations.

- 330ml Still water – 50p
- 330ml Sparkling flavoured water – 75p
- Apple or Orange juice carton 70p
- Viva milk shake carton – 80p

For the most up to date information on our catering provision together with the latest menus and a full price list, please see the [school meals section of the school website](#).

We will continue to work closely with our catering team over the coming weeks to review the impact of these changes and look for further ways to improve sustainability at KMS.

Yours sincerely,



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