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Dear parents,

I am writing to advise you that as from Monday 19th June our school dinners will be made at Great Marsden St John's Primary Academy, then delivered to school and served in the usual way. This is an unavoidable requirement due to us being unable to recruit a new chef. The Trust has been advertising the post since before last year's summer holiday without any suitable candidates applying for the role.

I have today attended a meeting with the catering manager of Aspen's who has assured me that our pupils will still receive a quality hot lunch of their choice every day. Aspens already deliver this service in a number of other schools successfully.

Unfortunately, due to us not having our own chef we will be unable to provide toast. However, Aspens have arranged for a homemade tray bake to be provided for those children who currently have toast. There will be no extra cost for the tray bake during this half term, but sadly from September Aspens will charge 48p per day for this snack.

We are aware that this is not an ideal situation, but please understand that this action is the last resort and we have done everything to make the delivery service work. We know that there could be teething issues, but please be patient with us during the initial change over.

As always if you have any questions please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Kind regards,

Mrs P Nightingale



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