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Dear Parents and Carers,

Our contract with Chartwells has come to an end, and the Trust has undertaken a rigorous tender process to find a new Catering Partner.

We had bids from a number of very high quality providers, and the contract was eventually awarded to Olive Catering, a local company, based in Westerham, who share our vision for high-quality, locally sourced meals. We were very impressed by the quality of their menus and their commitment to providing fresh food for the children.

The contract was awarded at a very late stage last term, and we will provide more details in the course of the next few weeks, but we can confirm that meals will cost £2.25 per day for a nutritious hot meal, salad cart option and dessert. This does represent an increase in the meal price, but there would have been an increase in the cost of a Chartwells meal. As with so many business sectors, the catering industry has been affected by the pandemic, and supply chain issues, and this has led inevitably to price increases.

Please find attached the menus which will be on offer when we return to school in September. These are for information only to let you know the meals which will be on offer in September, and we will provide the menus fully annotated with allergen information at the beginning of the autumn term.

We are confident that you will agree that the meals will provide very good value for money; Olive have exciting plans to offer taster days for their menus and to encourage feedback from children and parents, and we are delighted to have them as our catering partners.

Yours sincerely



Andrea Carter
CEO

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