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Dear Parents and Carers

School Dinners



Together with some other local primary schools, we started a tender process in January 2022 inviting catering contractors to take on the delivery of our school meal service. We are very pleased to announce that Mellors have won the contract and will be providing the service from September.

Mellors is a family business catering for over 240 schools in the North of England. They have been in operation since 1840 and they started to cook in schools 27 years ago. They pride themselves on the freshness of the food delivered from local supplies with bespoke menus to meet the needs of each individual school. They are passionate about food and creating a culture of fun at lunchtimes.

You'll be pleased to hear that Mrs Jones at Burton Salmon and Mrs Lelean and Mrs Smith at Chapel Haddlesey will be moving over to Mellors and will continue to cook in our schools. Miss Godfrey-Davies has been offered a teaching assistant position at Barlow, after completing her Teaching Assistant course so a new Cook will be recruited by Mellors to fill the position.

Our new three-weekly menu for the Autumn term is attached with this letter and has been nutritionally approved for primary school children.

What can Mellors offer?

A varied menu – Our three-weekly menu offers a healthy main dish, a vegetarian option and either a jacket potato with filling or a panini. There is a choice of two seasonal vegetables or fresh crisp salad each day with the fresh salad served in 'help yourself' bowls on the tables to encourage our children to try new foods. Children are also offered fresh home baked bread. There is a choice of a traditional home-made dessert, seasonal fresh fruit or yoghurt and unlimited chilled still water.



Ask the nutritionist initiative – if you have a question about nutrition, Mellors offer a ‘Ask the Nutritionist’ contact box on their website where you will receive a personalised reply from Danielle, a specialist in Childhood Nutrition.

Promotional themed monthly events – Once a month Mellors offer a themed menu to bring something new to the table for the children to try.

Full registration process for children with allergies - Mellors make a commitment that a meal will be provided for any child with a **registered allergy or intolerance**.

What do families need to do this week?

The menus are very similar in format to what we use at the moment. One per family will be sent home and parents just need to tick or place each sibling’s first initial in the spare columns to indicate the choice for the day. We encourage as many children as possible to have a meal and sign up for the full week as this helps to keep the service sustainable and the cost low for everyone. You can however, mix in some packed lunches if your child really won’t eat any of the choices on offer. Please also indicate on the form, if your child will be having packed lunches only. Please use the box at the bottom to let us know about any dietary requirement requests. **Please can we ask that these forms are returned to school before Thursday, so that we can collate the information.** They can be sent in paper form or by taking a photo of the completed menus and emailing it to the school admin address at the top of this letter.

How much do meals cost?

School meals are free for children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 – Universal Infant Free School Meals (**UIFSM**). They are also provided free to families or separated families where one person is claiming one of the following benefits:

Your child may be able to get free school meals if you get any of the following:

- Income Support
- income-based Jobseeker’s Allowance
- income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- the guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you’re not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

To apply with your national insurance number, click on the link here to complete a simple form - [Synergy - Enquiry \(northyorks.gov.uk\)](https://www.northyorks.gov.uk) or please visit our website for further information: [Qualifying for Free School Meals | Burton Salmon Primary School \(burtonsalmonschool.org.uk\)](https://www.burtonsalmonschool.org.uk)



We have considered the current price of our meals and there will be a 10p price increase from 5th September 2022 to £2.85 per day. Unfortunately, the cost of food and staff has increased and we need to pass on a small increase on the cost of the meals to our families. This is still excellent value for money for a healthy, nutritionally balanced main meal, with bread, salad or vegetables and a pudding!

We are really looking forward to working with Mellors from September and we hope the children continue to enjoy their lunches in school.

Yours sincerely



Craig Bealey
Head of School

