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Dear Parent/Carer,

School Meals & Packed Lunches

The school would like as many children as possible to have school meals as there is much research linking good nutrition and concentration and attainment. It is also an important way for children to learn about nutrition and the part that it plays in living a healthy lifestyle.

The Governing Body has agreed to reduce the meal price from £2.50 to **£2.30 per day from Monday 30th October**, initially until the end of December, as they acknowledge the price of meals can contribute towards parents' decision to choose school meals or not. If uptake of school meals increases sufficiently, this price reduction will be extended.

We would encourage all parents to consider changing to school meals for the reasons stated above. A hot meal during the winter months will also help your child to stay warm and healthy. If you would like to change your child's meal preference, please inform the school office.

For those wishing for their children to continue having packed lunches, there will be changes after half-term. Children will be required to take home all packaging and uneaten food. This is due to too many children throwing half eaten food and drinks away, some children have been seen to throw the bulk of their lunch away.

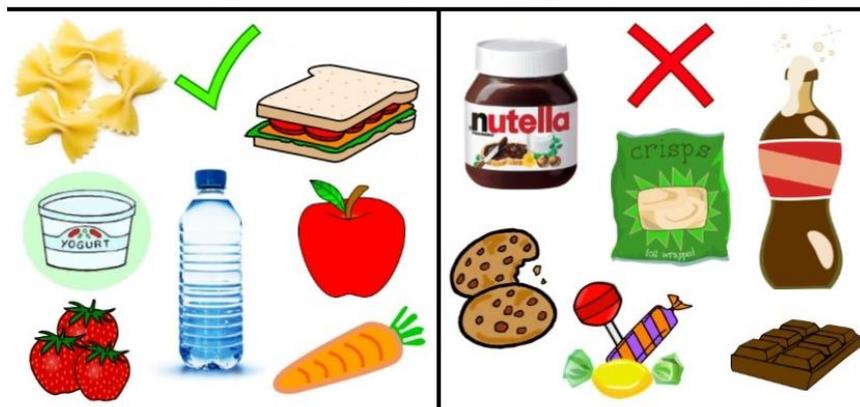
This will then enable you, the parents, to monitor what your child is eating, or not eating. Also due to the number of children having packed lunches there is a significant increase in packaging being placed in the bins. The school cannot recycle this waste as efficiently as you can at home, therefore it will be coming back home for you to dispose of.

Please note that if you are providing a packed lunch for your child it must be a healthy packed lunch. Many of you already do provide this for your child. A small minority of parents are still sending biscuits, chocolate bars, chocolate spread and crisps all of which are not suitable. We will be monitoring the children's packed lunches to ensure the content is healthy and does not contain too much sugary and/or fatty foods. We will place the 'note' below in your child's lunchbox if we feel that the food you are providing is not a balanced nutritional meal.

Please ensure your child brings a healthy lunch to school daily.

Yours sincerely,

Julie D'Abreu
Headteacher



Please note we are a nut free school!

