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Wednesday 9th September 2026

Subject: Reception and KS1 Lunches

Dear Parent/Carer,

We are delighted to introduce our new school catering provider, Innovate. Innovate offers a varied and nutritious menu each day, with a wide range of options including hot meals, vegetarian choices, salad, fresh bread, and desserts.

As you may be aware, all children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to a school meal through the Government's Universal Infant Free School Meals initiative. Children in Year 3 and above may either bring a packed lunch or purchase a school meal.

We have recently noticed an increasing number of children in Key Stage 1 bringing packed lunches to school. We would like to remind families that, unless a child has a specific medical or dietary need that cannot be accommodated by our catering provider, all children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are expected to access the school meal provision. Any exceptions due to medical grounds are agreed in consultation with our SENDCo, Laura Lovely.

We understand that children can sometimes be reluctant to try new foods or may have particular preferences. However, Innovate provides a wide range of daily options, including jacket potatoes, pasta dishes, vegetarian meals and meat-based choices**. In addition, from 5th October, filled rolls will be available every day, giving children even more choice at lunchtime.** Until this option is introduced, a small number of filled rolls will be prepared each day for children who do not like their selected meal choice.

We encourage all families to support their children in exploring the range of meals available and thank you for your continued support in helping us promote healthy eating habits.

Yours sincerely,

Della Hall (Vice Principal) and Luke Allen (KS2 and SMSA Lead)

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Here are some images from our first week of lunches!

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