

Dear Parents and Carers,

Re: School Catering and Hydration (Starting September)

I am writing to share some important updates regarding our academy catering and refreshment provisions, designed to better support your child's health, wellbeing, and focus during the school day.

1. New Catering Partner

We are delighted to announce that we have partnered with a new catering provider, Mellors, starting this September. Our new partner is committed to delivering fresh, high-quality, and nutritious meals. Sample menus can be found on our website [here](#), so you can preview the variety of healthy balanced options which will be available.

2. Changes to Drink Sales and Hydration

Our school data and observations show that many pupils frequently spend their daily lunch allowance on drinks rather than a substantial meal. As a result we will no longer be selling packaged drinks in the canteen from September. By removing these sales, we aim to encourage pupils to spend their lunch money on a healthy, hot school meal or substantial sandwich instead.

To ensure all pupils stay well-hydrated throughout the day, we have implemented the following:

- **Additional Water bottle refill stations** : We have installed extra chilled-water refilling stations across the academy site.
- **Canteen Provision:** Free reusable plastic cups will be readily available in the canteen during all break and lunch times so pupils can access water easily with their meals.
- **Bring a Bottle:** We strongly advise and encourage all pupils to bring their own reusable water bottle to school every day, which they can refill free of charge at any of our fountains during social times.

We believe these changes will create a healthier environment for our young people and ensure their lunchtime funds are being used effectively to fuel their learning.

Thank you for your continued partnership and support in promoting healthy habits across our academy.

Yours sincerely,

Chris McArdle

Assistant Principal