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Introducing our New Lunch Service

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Dear Parents / Carers,

During the past few months the Governing Body have been reviewing our school lunch provision, and how this could be improved to enhance the experience for our pupils. Our vision has always been to provide an outstanding, innovative meal provision and dining experience for the children of St Jérôme school. As part of this review it has been decided that the catering will be managed and administered by the school. This will allow our school to take complete control of the menus and offer a variety of meal options, including sandwich options, as well as hot meat and vegetarian options. Parents / carers will also be able to select dessert options for their child and be able to clearly view allergens in each meal.

What does this mean to me as a parent / carer?

1. From the week beginning 9th September **all parents / carers** will select their child's meal choices via ParentPay and no longer through The Pantry website. We have created an easy to follow User Guide to select and pay for children's meals, which is attached. Please note only parents / carers of Key Stage 2 (Year 3 and above) pupils need to pay for school meals. You will be able to order lunches for half a term but need to pay at the time of ordering, if appropriate.

Your ParentPay login details should be used for our new school lunch system. If you have forgotten these login details, please follow the 'forgotten password' process. Your user name should be your email address. If you have never used ParentPay and your child is in Year 1, 2 or 3 you will have received a separate email from us.

2. Universal Infant Free School (UIFSM) meals will continue as before for pupils in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 which means the school will continue to provide a meal for every child in these classes. **However, all parents / carers will still need to log onto ParentPay to make a daily meal selection for their child(ren).**

3. Pupils in Year 3 (Key Stage 2) are no longer eligible for UIFSM and will now pay £2.20 per day for a school meal, unless families are in receipt of Universal Credit, in which case their child will receive a free school meal each day but are still required to log onto ParentPay to make a daily meal selection for their child(ren).
4. You will see more detail and menu choices available each day.

There will be: -

A hot meal option (either meat or vegetarian) along with vegetables or salad and a dessert or piece of fruit

Or

A baked potato option with a range of fillings, along with vegetables or salad and a dessert or piece of fruit.

We are also introducing a range of sandwiches / wraps / baguettes (different breads on different days). Children ordering sandwiches / wraps / baguettes will also have the opportunity to visit the salad cart. This will be stocked with seasonal items and items with non-allergens plus a dessert or a piece of fruit.

Any child who has specific dietary requirements or allergies which are certified by a medical practitioner will be given a specific menu and parents /carers should email Mrs Doyle on: kitchen@stjeromebilingual.org to establish a personalised menu. Parents / carers should only select the "Allergy Meal" option on the ParentPay portal once this is in place.

5. Parents / carers of children in our Reception Class will receive ParentPay login details on their child's first day at school and from Monday 16th September will receive a free school meal but in addition will have trial days as follows:

Monet Class – Thursday 12th September

Matisse Class – Friday 13th September

Please note therefore, that Monet Class will not have a school meal on Friday 13th September.

What does this mean to my child?

Your child will have more menu options to choose from. Everything else will remain the same.

Summary

We aim to be a healthy school and see eating together as a way to reinforce our values and commitment to a high-quality education. We plan to have the opportunity to develop our menu choices and to involve the children in the planning and preparation of our catering provision. We also intend to use the produce grown by our Project Fruitful team.

We hope your children will try different foods to learn about new foods and develop an appreciation for the variety of foods on offer. Our commitment is therefore to make our food tasty and healthy and also make dining together an enjoyable experience and trust all our families will support us with this vision.

Yours sincerely,



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Executive Headteacher