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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Portion Uplift Trial

As you are aware, during the summer term 2025, we conducted a Portion Uplift Trial in response to students reporting hunger after lunch, despite our meals adhering to school food standards.

To address this issue, we redesigned our menus to include larger portions and more carbohydrate sides, resulting in a 14p supplement to meal costs which the school covered for students accessing Free School Meals (the 14p wholly supporting the increase to the portion size). We committed to conducting a survey to measure the impact and results of this trial. Unfortunately, the results have not shown a positive impact response from students, whereby they have said that the uplift has not had the desired improvements around hunger.

When asked, "Do you feel that the portion uplift trial has made a difference in making you feel fuller for longer?" only 43% of students replied yes. Given that the majority of students have not felt a positive impact from the trial, we have decided to end the trial at the end of this summer term.


Effective 1 September 2025, the school meal price, is £2.65 as a standard. A further 14p supplement **will not be required** and school meal portions will return to their original size.

The students have provided some valuable insights regarding choice and queuing times, and we shall be exploring these areas in more depth. We very much hope that we will be able to introduce solutions and improvements in these areas.

It is important to all concerned that hunger is addressed. We shall continue to seek solutions, and I thank you for your support with the trial. As we discover more opportunities to address this important issue, we will share them with you.

If you have any questions or wish to discuss the trial further, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Yours faithfully,



Jo Anne Robertson
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