



Birches First School

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...to be the best 'me' I can be.

24th October 2022

School Meals

Dear Parents,

We are very excited to inform you of the menus for next half term. New menus have been produced in order to improve the quality and value of the meals provided and the quality of the experience for the children at lunchtime; trying to increase the uptake of cooked meals which we believe are good for the children.

From the menu choices the children are allowed either of the hot option, I believe some parents thought the children were only allowed the one option, this is not the case. Children are given a choice of either of the hot dishes or a jacket potato with a filling. In addition, if your child does not like any of the choices that are on offer, they do have the option of having a sandwich.

Mrs Blakeway is happy to provide either a ham, cheese or jam sandwich if your child does not like either of the hot choices. If your child would like a sandwich we ask that you order a sandwich by **Wednesday** the week before to ensure we can cater for your child. (This week we would need to know by Friday for the first week back)

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If your child is to have a sandwich in

Week 1 (please let us know by Friday 21st October)

Week 2 (please let us know by Wednesday 2nd November)

Week 3 (please let us know by Wednesday 9th November)

Week 4 (please let us know by Wednesday 16th November)

Week 5 (please let us know by Wednesday 23rd November)

Week 6 (please let us know by Wednesday 30th November)

Week 7 (please let us know by Wednesday 7th December)

If you inform us later than this time unfortunately, we will not be able to make a sandwich due to catering supplies.

I would like you to know the children also have the option of having a slice of bread, piece of fruit and milk or water every day with their meals.

We do not outsource our catering and Mrs. Blakeway provides us with a fresh, home cooked service with as much locally sourced food as possible-all pizzas, pastas and burger buns are all handmade in our kitchen. We are hopeful that our new menus are more appealing to our children.

As we do have new menus, we know that this will need to evolve as we respond to the children's tastes and we are eager to do this. It is obvious that some of the new dishes on the menu may not be popular with a number of children. Once the first three weeks of the menu are complete we will be surveying the children about their strong likes and dislikes and we will broaden this out to ask all parents for their feedback and support in making our lunchtimes even better.

Thank you for your support and I will look forward to listening to the children's and parent's comments and feedback.

Best wishes

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