

## Introducing our new school catering team, Pabulum Ltd, from September 2018

### The Pabulum Mission Statement

*“Fresh, wholesome, delicious food, competitively priced, ethically produced and honestly served with a smile – that’s what sits at the heart of Pabulum”*

We are very pleased and excited to be able to inform you that **Pabulum Ltd** will be our new school meal provider from the start of next term. After a long association with Surrey Commercial Services we decided that, because their contract had come to an end, we would see what the other providers had to offer, and Pabulum impressed a team of staff, Governors and pupils when they came in to see us earlier in the year.

### Taster sessions:

Pabulum have arranged to visit our school for a couple of taster sessions in July. One of these was held at the new parent induction evening, and it was a great success. Families were impressed with how good the food looks and, more importantly, tastes. The next date is a **taster session for current families** which will be held in our playground at **pickup time on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> July** – straight after school.

### New menus and more choice:

Menus for the Autumn Term have been printed, and these are changed twice a year. There are also some booklets about the Pabulum dining experience and some freebie stickers depicting the ‘healthy bunch’ characters, who are a group of farmyard friends, each with their own healthy eating message.

One of the changes we requested was that pupils could **choose their meal on the day** (although allergies will still be taken into account). A salad bar (with an extended range of salads) and a jacket potato or pasta option will be on offer every day, which means the children can choose from the main course, or the vegetarian option or a jacket potato/pasta dish – all with the option of additional salad, vegetables and a choice of pudding.

Included with this letter is a copy of the new Pabulum menu. This will also be available on their website very soon (together with allergen information): [www.pabulum-catering.co.uk/primary-school-meals](http://www.pabulum-catering.co.uk/primary-school-meals). If your child has particular food allergies, or if they need a special diet then there is a form available for you to complete and return to the school office.

### Key objectives:

Pabulum’s key objectives are to offer a menu prepared from fresh, seasonal, high quality ingredients with tasty dishes that your children will love when they try them. They aim to promote a positive dining experience which will include tablecloths on the tables, well-presented food and a choice of freshly-made flavoured or plain bread each day together with an exciting range of new salads to try. They will continue with the popular themes of a ‘meat-free Monday’ and fish on Friday.

### Registering and ordering:

We hope to encourage as many pupils as possible to try the new meal service in the Autumn Term. Pupils in Reception to Year 2 will still get free meals (we just need notification, via the office, if you choose to change to packed lunches). For pupils in Key Stage Two (years 3 to 6), who no longer receive the meal for free, the payment process will remain the same (i.e. you will need to register with SCO-Pay and pay online). If you have not already registered with SCO-Pay then please ask the office team for your unique link code. Please clear all current dinner money debt and please use up all your credits for dinner money before the end of this term.

Do look out for the menus when they are distributed towards the end of this term. The office staff will keep your current preferences for meals unless you advise otherwise, so if your child currently brings in a packed lunch, but they would like try the new cooked meals, then please let us know. New Reception pupils will be given a hot meal from their first day. We can normally accommodate a change in your preferred meal choice fairly quickly, but we would ask for a week’s notice if possible.

We hope you will be pleased, and the pupils delighted, with the new meal service from the Autumn Term.

Yours faithfully



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Headteacher