

## Introducing our new school catering team, The Pantry, from September 2021

We are very pleased and excited to be able to inform you that **The Pantry** will be our new school meal provider from the start of the Autumn term. Our previous contract with Pabulum was for a period of three years and, once that contract came to an end, we decided to look at the alternative providers. The Pantry impressed a team of staff, Governors and pupils when they came in to see us earlier in the year.

### Taster sessions:

We hope to be able to arrange at least one taster session where The Pantry will be able to come into our school grounds at either drop-off or pick up to introduce themselves and their vision for our school meals going forward. We will advise you of any dates as soon as we can arrange them.

### New menus, more choice:

Menus for the Autumn Term are being devised at the moment. As is currently the case there will be a main (meat) choice and a vegetarian choice but every day there will also be a jacket potato choice and a sandwich option too. Like Pabulum, there will be a daily offer of freshly baked bread, fresh fruit as a pudding alternative and a salad bar.

### New ordering system:

The Pantry have their own bespoke ordering system whereby the majority of orders will need to be made online in advance, but with a late cut-off and the option for children to have a meal on the day if they forget their own packed lunch. The ordering and payment system will migrate over to this new system and I hope to be able to provide you with more information about this very soon.

### 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. For pupils in Key Stage Two (years 3 to 6), who no longer receive the meal for free, the payment process will change so all orders and payments will be directed to The Pantry. The cost of a pupil meal will be £2.34 from next term (which is considerably lower than the £2.45 charged by many other Surrey schools who still use the Surrey catering service).

***It is essential that you clear all current dinner money debt and please use up all your credits for dinner money before the end of this term as the new dinner money system will be run by The Pantry and not by school.***

Do look out for the menus and information on the new ordering process when it is distributed towards the end of this term. New Reception pupils will be given a hot meal, free of charge, from their first day.

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

Yours faithfully



Kathie Daniels  
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