

2<sup>nd</sup> September 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

### Catering Update

I hope you have all had a lovely summer and students are looking forward to returning next week.

May I begin by saying thank you to everyone who has returned their catering consent forms for our new system. The decision to move to a more compatible system came at the end of the summer term and I am grateful to those of you who have taken the time in the holidays to return the forms; this has helped us be ready for next week.

If you have not yet completed your form, it can be found on this link on our website <https://www.airedaleacademy.com/coronavirus/>. We will need you to consent via the app or email, or bring the form in on the first day back, as we cannot set students up on the system without this and they will need it to purchase meals. We will re-scan fingers on students' first full day back so forms must be back by then.

When we have our staggered return next week we are returning to a temporary menu for one week only; catering will return in full on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> September as it was pre-Covid. The temporary menu for next week will be:

Monday	
<b>Burger Bar</b>	Hot Dog • Spiral Potatoes • Drink
<b>Deli</b>	Pasta King Bolognaise • Fruit Pot • Drink
<b>Grab Bag 1</b>	Ham Baguette • Cookie • Drink
<b>Grab Bag 2</b>	Cheese Baguette • Cookie • Drink
Tuesday	
<b>Burger Bar</b>	Chicken Burger • Chips • Drink
<b>Deli</b>	Pasta King Bolognaise • Fruit Pot • Drink
<b>Grab Bag 1</b>	Ham Baguette • Cookie • Drink
<b>Grab Bag 2</b>	Cheese Baguette • Cookie • Drink
Wednesday	
<b>Burger Bar</b>	Sausage Roll • Wedges • Drink
<b>Deli</b>	Pasta King Bolognaise • Fruit Pot • Drink
<b>Grab Bag 1</b>	Ham Baguette • Cookie • Drink
<b>Grab Bag 2</b>	Cheese Baguette • Cookie • Drink
Thursday	
<b>Burger Bar</b>	Pizza • Potato Balls • Drink
<b>Deli</b>	Pasta King Bolognaise • Fruit Pot • Drink
<b>Grab Bag 1</b>	Ham Baguette • Cookie • Drink
<b>Grab Bag 2</b>	Cheese Baguette • Cookie • Drink
Friday	
<b>Burger Bar</b>	Chicken Nuggets • Chips • Drink
<b>Deli</b>	Pasta King Bolognaise • Fruit Pot • Drink
<b>Grab Bag 1</b>	Ham Baguette • Cookie • Drink
<b>Grab Bag 2</b>	Cheese Baguette • Cookie • Drink

We will continue to take lunch orders on a morning next week and payments will be applied to your account on the app, My Child at School.

We remain a cashless school and so meals can only be paid for via the app. Families whose students are in Years 8 to 13, if you do not have the app, please contact the office next week and we will help you set this up. **Please make sure money is on your account before a meal is ordered.**

For families joining us this September, we will be setting your apps up early next week and will send you the School ID and an activation code, as well as information about how to use our app. You will then be able to pay for meals taken early next week and make payments from then on.

Students eligible for Free School Meals will continue to have their meal allowance applied in the background but you can top the account up for them to make additional purchases.

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On Monday 13<sup>th</sup> September our new catering system will be launched in full, with students choosing their meal in the dining room when they go for lunch. The menu for this week will be:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Chicken jambalaya	Roast beef & Yorkshire puddings	Sweet & sour pork	Roast turkey & stuffing	Fish & chips
Quorn moussaka & garlic bread	Pasta margherita	Roasted pepper frittata	Veggie curry	Stuffed peppers
Sausage & egg pie	Turkey stir fry	Sausage and Yorkshire puddings	Spaghetti bolognaise	Meat and potato pie
Freshly made sandwiches	Freshly made sandwiches	Freshly made sandwiches	Freshly made sandwiches	Freshly made sandwiches
Fresh salad bar	Fresh salad bar	Fresh salad bar	Fresh salad bar	Fresh salad bar
Jacket potato bar	Jacket potato bar	Jacket potato bar	Jacket potato bar	Jacket potato bar
Made to order fresh wraps	Made to order fresh wraps	Made to order fresh wraps	Made to order fresh wraps	Made to order fresh wraps
Pasta king bar	Pasta king bar	Pasta king bar	Pasta king bar	Pasta king bar
Freshly made baguettes	Freshly made baguettes	Freshly made baguettes	Freshly made baguettes	Freshly made baguettes

Hot and cold desserts offered daily. Vegetables and potatoes are offered with all main meals.

From Monday 13<sup>th</sup> September students will choose their meal and then move to the cashless till to pay. **The new system does not allow purchases when there is a debit balance or when the meal will take the account into debit so it is essential that you ensure credit is on the account in advance.** You can check your balance at any time on your app and we are investing in balance checker screens so students can check their balance before choosing food. Please check your balance before 13<sup>th</sup> September to ensure you have credit – we cannot lend funds and so chosen food and drinks cannot be taken if no money is available. We cannot take cash on the day as we have no banking facilities with the new systems.

If your account ran into debit last year under the old system, please contact the office to confirm when payments will be made. We want to work with you to avoid students being declined purchases in the dining room.

We are hoping to return to offering break time food this half term. More information on this will follow in due course.

If you have any questions regarding our catering, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours faithfully

Mrs J Pitchfork  
Business Manager

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