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## STATEMENT TO PARENTS ON HOT MEAL PROVISION WITHIN SCHOOL

We are delighted to be able to inform parents that we have managed to secure a continuing contract with Farm Kitchens for our hot meals for 2018/2019.

- Farm Kitchens provide an online ordering system for parents. **All parents who wish to take up meal provision for their children will need to register and go online to order all meals required. This needs to be done by midnight on a Tuesday for meals required the following week. No additional orders or order changes will be accepted after this deadline.**
- Farm Kitchens have a policy on catering for specific diets and allergies. Unfortunately, due to increased legislation and the School Food Standards with which they have to comply, they cannot offer 100% guarantees of product avoidance and are therefore unable to continue their service of catering for specific requirements.
- **If meals are not required parents will need to send in a packed lunch for their child.**
- On days when children are out on organised trips the expectation is that parents/carers will provide a pack up. If anyone has particular difficulty with this please speak to the school office well in advance of the trip.
- The government will fund a contribution of £2.30 per meal per child per day for those that take a hot meal. School will be reimbursed for meals taken. As you can appreciate this does not quite cover the complete cost of meal provision from our supplier – the balance, together with costs of additional staff and resources to facilitate this – will all come from the school budget. Hence we are unable to offer any alternatives to the above.

If you have any queries relating to the meals themselves please contact Farm Kitchens directly:  
[www.thefarmkitchen.com](http://www.thefarmkitchen.com) tel: 01529 460821 or via email: [enquiries@thefarmkitchen.com](mailto:enquiries@thefarmkitchen.com)

We know that currently our children really enjoy the meals that Farm Kitchens provide and we look forward to helping a lot more of our children share this experience.