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Dear Parents and Carers,

School Lunches

This morning I met with the area manager of Chartwells to discuss the problems surrounding school lunches. Both she and I are very keen to return to the offer of a full menu across the school, whilst ensuring the school community is safe and the meals are served to the high standard we have always enjoyed at Wivelsfield School.

On the advice of Health and Safety we are not allowed hot trolleys around the school and Chartwells staff are not allowed to leave the kitchen area to deliver food to the classes because of their own Covid -19 policy and risk assessment. However, I am delighted to let you know that from this **Friday 18th September**, we will be offering a full menu again (just in time for fish and chips).

As our smallest class, and also located near the hall, Year 2 will continue to eat in their classroom. All other classes will eat in the hall. This means there will be no issues with food having to be taken by trolley to the end of the school and so getting cold.

As you are aware, outside we allow Years R, 1 and 2 to mix, Years 3 and 4 to mix and Years 5 and 6 to mix. We have decided to allow these bubbles to use the hall at the same time for lunches, but within a bubble each class must keep to their own section.

Lunch routines:

- Year 2 will eat in their classroom as they do now.
- There will be 3 lunch sittings in the hall:
Reception and Year One
Years 3 and 4
Years 5 and 6
- Each class in a sitting will have half the hall each and they will not be allowed to mix.
- The tables and chairs will be disinfected between sittings

We also discussed the issues surrounding portion size for older children, which has now been addressed, whilst concerns surrounding the nutritional value of the food have been forwarded to Chartwells nutritional team and East Sussex Local Authority. A new menu will be published sometime in October.

Thank you for your understanding and patience whilst we try to implement practices to keep the school community safe and everything as near normal as is possible at the moment.

Please do not hesitate to get in touch with me if you have further concerns about any aspect of school life.

Kind regards,

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Headteacher

