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Dear Parents and Carers,

School Lunches

It is lovely that we are managing to offer a full menu to the whole school community, with most children eating in the hall again.

I am sure you understand that the routines have had to change to keep everyone safe and this includes meals being plated up, then served to the children seated at their tables. In addition, all tables and chairs have to be disinfected between sittings and if there are any delays, it has a significant impact on the length of time it takes the whole school community to have lunch. This, in turn, impacts on afternoon learning.

Because of this, we need to ensure service is as quick as possible and there is no confusion about what each child has ordered.

This means until further notice:

- Children cannot change their mind and choose an alternative meal at morning registration.
- Any child who has not pre-ordered can only choose a jacket potato with cheese, tuna or beans.
- Rather than selecting a dessert when you order, we will offer a selection from the menu each day which will include fruit and yoghurt.

Thank you for your understanding. We will return to a more flexible approach when we are able to.

Packed lunches

For health and safety reasons we cannot allow children to bring hot food or soup to school as part of their packed lunch. If you feel your child needs something hot to eat in the day, perhaps they could have a cooked school lunch.

Nut Free School

For a long time, we have been a nut free school. We now have a child on roll who has an extremely severe reaction to nuts, even from just touching a surface where they have been or from the breath of someone who has eaten nuts.

Because of this, it is essential your child does not bring any type of nut into school, or any food containing nuts: for example, some types of cereal bars, biscuits or spreads etc.

Thank you for your co-operation with this.

Harvest Celebration

A significant part of Wivelsfield School life has always been the celebration of Harvest in late September or early October. This year, we cannot gather together as usual, but are still planning to celebrate and support the local community, albeit in a different way.

On **Monday 12th October** please can your child bring a donation of non-perishable food to school. Donations will be collected in the classrooms before being given to Burgess Hill Foodbank after at least 48 hours 'quarantine'.

Foods that are particularly welcome are:

Milk (long life or powdered), tinned vegetables, tea, coffee, hot chocolate, tinned spaghetti, fruit juice, bottles of squash, breakfast cereals, pasta sauces, biscuits, crackers, tinned meat/meat pies/fish, tinned fruit, sponge puddings, instant mashed potatoes, rice, rice pudding, semolina, custard, tins of filled pasta e.g. ravioli, jam, marmalade, chocolate spread, tomatoes – tins and cartons, crackers, crispbreads.

In anticipation of your generosity: **THANK YOU!**

Each class is also preparing a poem, reading or some art work and we will post a video of their presentations on our website.

Parent Consultations

We are currently discussing the best format for parent consultations and will confirm dates and arrangements for these early next week. These will not be face to face consultations.

Thank you for your ongoing support and understanding as we adapt our usual routines to ensure the whole school community is as safe as it can be

Kind regards,



Helen Smith
Headteacher