

June 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

### Provision of Ewell Castle School Lunches

Ewell Castle are continuing to work with Accent Catering to ensure that pupils have a wide choice of healthy, nutritional meals at lunchtime. All the food is fresh and where possible cooked from scratch, and we do our best to ensure that it is locally sourced. In addition to the main hot meal each day, we also offer a vegetarian option, gluten free option, salad bar, pasta, baked potatoes, soup, bread and sandwiches. For dessert, fruit and yoghurts are always available as alternatives to the homemade puddings. Filtered mains water is available for all, including those who bring packed lunches. Further information regarding Accent Catering and menus can be found under the 'About Us /Useful Information' link on the School website.

The food prepared by the kitchen is '**nut free**' as we have a number of students who exhibit varying levels of allergic reaction to nuts and in the Prep School to sesame. We would therefore ask that if you provide packed lunches for your children these too must not contain nuts or sesame.

**It is important that lunches are paid for on a termly basis via ParentPay, prior to the start of term to enable us to inform our caterers of numbers and programme the tills ready for the first day of term. The option to pay for Contract Lunches will be removed from ParentPay at the start of each term and if you have not paid for lunches, you will need to supply a packed lunch until the end of the term. Please note that lunches will be made available for pupils in examination years whilst on study leave and therefore the charge remains the same for each of the three terms.**

If your child is in Pre-Prep, do not forget to **pre-order your meals** by completing the electronic, interactive form on My School Portal, notifying us of any allergies. If you need assistance with this, please contact Ms Noble, Preparatory School Administration Manager ([prepschool@ewellcastle.co.uk](mailto:prepschool@ewellcastle.co.uk)), before the start of term.

#### The cost of lunches for 2022/23 per term is:

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| Senior   | £300 |
| Prep     | £295 |
| Pre-Prep | £290 |

Despite increases in costs last year, these were not passed on but were instead absorbed by the School. When setting the charges for lunches this year, the School has had to reflect this increase in costs, however I do hope that you agree that lunches still provide excellent value for money and are the most convenient way of ensuring a consistently satisfying lunch provision for your children.

The canteen is also open to all Senior pupils between 7:50am and 8:20am where pupils may purchase a range of breakfast items and drinks. The Sixth Form have access to the Café at morning break. **The breakfast and cafe services are paid for on a 'pay as you go' option under the Breakfast/Café Float heading on ParentPay.** This account must be kept in credit, to prevent purchases being refused at the till and we therefore recommend that you set an alert on ParentPay to inform you when a minimum balance is reached. The Breakfast/Café Float cannot be used to purchase lunches.

I, along with the Accent Catering staff look forward to welcoming pupils back in the Autumn Term.

**Janet Abraham**  
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