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Dear Parents/Carers

Changes to School Meal Provision

I write with reference to an imminent change of school meal provider.

From June 2nd 2025, our school meals will be provided by Willoughby Foods, who are based in Boston. This company comes highly recommended by a school within Keystone Academy Trust who have seen an increase in both uptake and child/parent satisfaction since using this supplier. If you would like to know more about the company, please click on the link which will take you to their website: [Provider of Healthy School Lunches | Willoughby Foods](#)

I would like to thank the catering team at Long Sutton Primary Academy for supplying our meals for the last couple of years. The meals they have provided have been consistently of a high standard and if it were not for the financial implications of remaining with them, we would not have been looking to change. Unfortunately, the ongoing costs of transporting the meals would have meant an increase of approximately £1 per meal per day for parents, which led to my decision to find an alternative provider. Providing high quality affordable meals for our children is high on my agenda and so I could not agree to charging parents £3.30 per meal per day. However, I am looking forward to working with Willoughby Foods and I am excited for the children with the new menu that will be available to them.

As with all things in life at the moment, we cannot avoid a small increase to meal charges though. From June 2nd, for those parents who pay for meals, the daily charge will be £2.50, rising to £2.60 from September. Whilst this does mean there is more to pay, it is substantially less than what we would have had to charge if staying with our current supplier. Not only does Willoughby's food come highly recommended but they are also priced competitively in the school meal market. I would like to reassure you that we have committed to a thorough process behind the scenes for some time to ensure we are getting the very best deal for you and your children.

In the next few days, you will receive an e-mail from Willoughby Foods providing information about how to set up an account so that meals can be ordered. From now on, all meals must be ordered and paid for directly with Willoughby Foods. If you have any issues with ordering, please take this up with them. If you do not order meals by the deadline, then we cannot guarantee there will be a lunch for your child. The first deadline is **May 27th** so please act quickly when you receive the e-mail.

As ever, if there is anything you would like to discuss about this change, just get in touch with the office to make an appointment.

Thanks for your continued support.

Mr R Chipperfield
Head Teacher



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