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Letter to Parents: School Lunch Options & Policy

Subject: Important Information regarding School Lunches and Packed Lunch Policy

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are writing to provide information regarding the lunch options available at Kirk Langley Church of England Primary School for the summer term 2026 and to outline our policy for children bringing in packed lunches from home.

School Dinners (Cooked Options)

We are proud to offer a nutritious hot meal service provided by Etwall Caterer . Our menus run on a three week rolling programme, offering a variety of meals that meet the National School Food Standards.

- **Options:** Daily choices include a hot main meal, a vegetarian option, and a jacket potato or sandwich option. Our provider will aim to provide a healthy alternative to a menu meal which is usually a baked potato and required filling.
- **Benefits:** Eating a school meal helps children develop social skills by sitting at a table and using cutlery; encourages trying new foods, and provides a hot, balanced meal.
- **Cost:** School meals cost £3.30 per day and should be paid for in advance via [ParentPay/Other Method].
- **Free School Meals:** All children in Reception, Year 1, and Year 2 are entitled to a free, two-course meal under the Universal Infant Free School Meal (UIFSM) funding.

Packed Lunches (Sandwiches from Home)

We understand that some parents prefer to provide a packed lunch for their child. To support our school's commitment to health and wellbeing, we ask that all packed lunches align with our healthy eating approach.

- **Healthy Content:** Packed lunches should be balanced, containing items like a sandwich, wrap, or pasta salad, along with fresh fruit or vegetables.
- **Nut-Free Policy:** Kirk Langley Church of England Primary School is a **NUT-FREE SCHOOL**. Please do not include nuts or nut products (including peanut butter) in packed lunches, as we have children with severe, life-threatening allergies.
- **Containers:** Please ensure food is in a named lunchbox.

As from June 2026, we can no longer offer the option whereby a child has hot lunches for part of the week and sandwiches for the other due to the need for Etwall Catering to preorder the food. At the beginning of each term we determine the number of Hot meals

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required and communicate this with the catering team. It is therefore necessary to know how many pupils will be on sandwiches for the half-term and those on Hot lunches (usually a 6 week period).

Please contact the school if you have need further clarification.

Thank you for your ongoing support in promoting healthy choices.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Jayne L Stevenson

Headteacher