



Monday 13th September 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

Improving catering and queueing times at The Ellis Guilford School

We have now been back for one week at school and I write to give you an update about food ordering and catering at the school.

Firstly, I am delighted to say that we have seen a significant improvement in the number of pupils eating school food. We have a new Head Chef, committed to our school, providing better quality meals for all pupils. Menus are published on the school's website and the choice and variety offers both nutritionally balanced and popular meals. Pupil feedback has been good so far. Parents/carers, pupils will know that catering in school was an area for improvement last year. Pupils entitled to FSM now can purchase a full meal with a sweet snack and drink as well as a further snack. All pupils will be able to eat in our newly named dining hall, 'Ambitions at Ellis' on a weekly rota which will commence at the end of this month.

Secondly, we want to improve the queueing times at the Lunch Pods.

From September 20th we are introducing 'Grab and Go' meals for all pupils.

- 1. Menus will be available on the school App/the pupils' chrome book**
- 2. A sandwich/baguette with a choice of fillings, a sweet snack and drink will be available for pupils to choose from: total cost of this is £1.65.**
- 3. Pupils will be able to complete an order by 9am on the day: we want to be flexible.**
- 4. The cost of the meal will automatically be deducted**
- 5. Pupils' names will be added to their order and they will be able to collect them at either break or lunch**



6. Pupils' can collect their' Grab and Go' next to their Lunch Pod: they will be distributed.

We believe, in the first instance, this process will reduce queuing times, whilst offering children what they want. We will pilot the scheme from September 20th and will look to add hot food choices in the future. Pupils will have time to order during tutor time. Alternatively, they can order at home.

As normal, pupils will have a choice of food options, including hot food from the Lunch Pod or sandwiches from home. There is no change there.

I would ask parents and carers to ensure that there are sufficient funds on your child's account to fund the cost of school food, which on average is £1.65 to £2.50 including a snack, with a maximum allowance of £5.00 per day.

Thank you for your support in this matter.

Chris Keen
Principal