



3rd February 2017

Family Dining Service

Letter 2 – Meal choices

To Parents and Carers,

As you will be aware, when pupils return to school from the half term break on Tuesday 28th February, we launch our new Family Dining Service at lunchtimes.

Our family service lunchtimes will encourage social interaction, good table manners and provide opportunities for older children to take responsibility and show leadership.

To ensure we can effectively plan for the family dining service, **please inform us whether your child requires a healthy, well balanced school dinner or you will provide a packed lunch for your child. The choice will last for each half term.** We will assume you will continue with your choice unless you inform us otherwise.

As I previously informed you, our meals are well balanced, nutritious and prepared using local produce where available. We provide a vegetarian option each day. The payment for school meals will continue through the Parent Pay system; there will be no change to the payment process.

Children will have access to some ICT based games/ clubs; access to these clubs will be limited to once per week for each child to encourage active play. We will also have more Y5 Playground Active Leaders who encourage structured games.

We know Family Service will transform the lunch time experience for the pupils at Willow Academy and will result in a calmer, more structured and positive experience for all children.

Please return the slip below to indicate your child’s meal choice for Spring Term 2 and support this process by talking to your child about the changes and encouraging them to get involved.

For updates and menu information, please refer to our website.

Thank you for your continued support,

Yours sincerely

Mrs D Sumner.

Interim Headteacher.

Please return this slip to your child’s class teacher or the school office NO LATER THAN Friday 10th February.

Child’s Name _____ Child’s Class _____

SPRING TERM 2	Please tick the correct box for your option	
Meal Option	Yes	No
School Meal		
School Meal Vegetarian		
Packed Lunch		



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Families who are in receipt of certain benefits may also be entitled to free school meals. These benefits include:

- *Income Support*
- *Income Based Jobseekers Allowance*
- *Income Related Employment and Support Allowance*
- *Child Tax Credit with an annual income of less than £16,190, provided they are not receiving Working Tax Credit.*
- *The 'Guaranteed' element of the State Pension Credit*
- *Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999*

Please ensure you apply for free school meals if you are in receipt of any of these benefits, even if your child is in Key Stage 1 and receives the Universal Free School Meal as this can help the school claim additional funding which can then be spent on improvements for children.

Please let us know if you require any help to complete the application form, we will support you.