



4<sup>th</sup> July 2024

Dear Parents/Carers

I am delighted to announce that, following procurement, Exceed Learning Partnership have appointed Mellors Catering Services as our new catering provider from 1<sup>st</sup> September 2024.

Mellors Catering is a family business, with strong family values and have an excellent reputation for providing high-quality, nutritious, and delicious meals in educational settings. They are committed to using fresh, locally sourced ingredients wherever possible and offering a wide variety of options to cater to all dietary requirements and preferences.

Some of the key benefits that Mellors will bring to our academy include:

- **Improved menus:** We have worked closely with Mellors to develop exciting and varied menus that will appeal to all pupils. These menus will be regularly updated to reflect seasonal produce and pupil feedback.
- **Increased Choice:** We have worked with Mellors to increase the choice available to our pupils, with pupils having access to multiple options on a daily basis. This includes the introduction of a daily salad bar, in addition to warm and cold daily meal options.
- **Focus on nutrition:** All meals will be carefully balanced to ensure they meet the nutritional needs of growing children and young people, contributing to their overall health and well-being.
- **Enhanced dining experience:** Mellors will introduce new and innovative dining concepts to make meal times more enjoyable and engaging for our pupils.

Over the coming weeks we will provide parents/carers with the opportunity to meet representatives from Mellors Catering, sample their food, and ask any questions you may have.

From 1<sup>st</sup> September 2024 paid School meals will be priced at £2.90 per meal. Whilst we appreciate this is an increase in costs, prices for school meals have risen significantly across the country and we have worked hard to ensure the price remains very competitive whilst focusing on the quality of our meals and increasing choice for pupils.

We are confident that the new menus will be a big hit and pupils will have an outstanding catering experience.

All children in Reception, Year 1, and Year 2 are entitled to a Universal Infant Free School Meal (UIFSM), regardless of your household income. There is no need to apply for UIFSM.



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If your child is in Year 3 or above, they may still be eligible for free school meals if you meet certain criteria. You can check your eligibility and apply for FSM online at [www.doncaster.gov.uk/doitonline/free-school-meals](http://www.doncaster.gov.uk/doitonline/free-school-meals) or by contacting the school office.

We are excited about this new catering partnership and the positive impact it will have on our pupils.

We look forward to sharing further details and our new exciting menus with you soon.

Kindest Regards

Mrs F Parish  
Principal