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## <u>School Meal Selection – Introducing our Band System to Reception.</u>

At the induction evening we talked to you about the band system that is used by all children at Silsden Primary School to select their meals. We have delayed rolling this out to Reception children to give them the opportunity to get used to the dining room, give them an opportunity to look at the food before they choose and experience the full 3 week menu.

It is our intention to introduce the band system with effect Monday 30<sup>th</sup> September to all Reception classes. When we register your child in the morning they will be asked to select their meal choice and they will have 5 or 6 options to choose from:

- Main meal option (non-halal). RED BAND
- Vegetarian main meal option. GREEN BAND
- Main meal (halal) option. This option is only available when express parental consent has been given. **PURPLE BAND**
- School packed lunch\*. This will include a sandwich and a selection of items such as fruit/salad, cake/biscuit, yogurt, raisins etc. BLUE BAND
- Jacket potato option. ORANGE BAND
- Panini option. YELLOW BAND

\*Our packed lunches are a popular choice and the sandwich selection is set each day – Monday – tuna mayo sandwich, Tuesday – ham sandwich, Wednesday – cheese sandwich, Thursday – tuna mayo sandwich, Friday – ham sandwich.

On selection your child will be issued with a coloured wrist band that corresponds with their meal choice. This system ensures that your child will always receive their first choice, everyday.

Seasonal menus run on a three-week rotation and are distributed to parents as they become available. Attached is the current 3 weekly menu and next week is the start of week 1. This will change after October half-term and we will send these through to you when ready. Menus are also available to view on our school website. Occasional changes e.g. themed days are notified separately via our message system.

In order to help this new process and speed up the morning selection process, we would be grateful if you could chat through the attached menu with your child so they have some idea of what they would like to eat for lunch and familiarise them with the related colour bands which will make morning selection much easier for your child.

Thank you

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