



Silsden Primary
School

30th August 2024

Dear parents and carers

As mentioned in the letter that was sent out at the end of term, with effect from 1st September we will be undertaking all our own catering and all payment will be through Arbor – our one stop app for all things school related.

Working alongside our Mrs Twivy, our Catering Manager, we have put together a menu for the Autumn Term. As before, this will run on a 3 week cycle and I attach the weekly plan that you can chat through with your children. This will be reviewed every half term and small changes made, based on feedback from pupils. A complete new menu will be launched termly.

All school meals are free to all children in Reception – Year 2 and we strongly recommend you take up this offer. For children in KS2, the daily charge for 2 courses will stay at £2.30. I am sure you agree, this is extremely good value for a hot meal and dessert.

One of the first changes that we are introducing is shopping local – the majority of our meat produce are provided by Isherwood Butchers, in the Town and we look forward to developing our menu with them. Over the coming months we will be looking at improving our menu and will be listening to feedback from pupils and also parents as we are able to develop our own menu and develop relationships with more local suppliers.

Our menu still has to comply with the DfE “School Food Standards” in relation to portion sizes, calorific intake and offering a healthy, balanced diet.

With immediate effect all parents can pre-order their child’s school meal option through the app and we welcome all parents to:

- Log in to Arbor
- Click on “Quick Actions” which shows a drop down box
- Select “Meals”
- Select the academic year “24/25”. (You will only need to do this if selecting before the start of the academic year)
- Select “Autumn 24 Meal choices available” This will then display all weeks for this half term.
- Select the day of the week and you will see all options available for that day.
- Select your meal choice and confirm choice. There is an option here to pick for all future dates. Click this box if you want your child to have the same choice every week.



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This should take you no longer than a couple of minutes to select the whole week menu choices for your child. You can select your child's meal choice upto 8:30am of the current morning.

We do hope that this additional feature enhances our school meal provision and children choose what they want in the comfort of their own home rather than in the classroom when they are also settling themselves in for the day.

We are excited to take on this new venture and we look forward to welcoming you all back to school on Tuesday 3rd September.

Kind regards

Sally-Anne Boyes
School Business Leader