

Dear parents/ carers

I am really excited to share with you the new menu for the winter for school dinners.

This menu will start after half term.

We have listened to your feedback and have looked at what we would like to achieve with school dinners and have done the following things:

- Moved to a simplified 2 week menu. The hot dinners on this menu are the most popular that we have had in recent times. Some meals were only having 1 or 2 children choosing them the ones on the new menu are the most popular!
- Made the menu more consistent Monday is pizza or vegetarian sausage; Tuesday pasta with a popular other choice; Wednesday – roast (but not pork as this was less popular); Fridays fish fingers/ quorn dippers and chips....
- Baked potatoes with a choice of fillings remain.
- A daily choice of a simple, tasty and healthy hot tomato pasta this is exclusive to Tower View. We noted that pasta was particularly popular so have made it available daily.
- Removed the sandwich option. These were poor value for money; a very small portion and meant many children were not having the hot meal in the day that most parents would be hoping for. In these challenging financial times for many families, we want you to know that your child has had a healthy, delicious and hot meal in the middle of the day at school.

We have also spoken to Chartwells – our meal providers – about making sure portion sizing was appropriate (and larger!)

We will review the success of this exclusive Tower View menu at Christmas.

I would like to thank Mrs Evans for her hard work in getting together the information to enable us to get this done.

If you think you may be entitled to Free School Dinners – <u>check here</u>. It takes 2 minutes and is very easy. Please do apply now – even if your child gets their meals free in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2 as the school does get extra funding to support your child if you are eligible.

Best wishes

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