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Dear Parent/Carer

Outwood Academy Hemsworth - Caterlink Partnership

I am writing to inform you that from 1 September 2023, we will be working in partnership with our new school meals provider Caterlink, who will prepare, cook, and serve from our onsite catering facility.

Caterlink provide a menu that is packed full of choice, and they encourage all our pupils to eat a rainbow of fruit and vegetables. Caterlink want to provide your child with a nutritious meal, but also want them to have fun! Whether it's National baking week or Best of British, Caterlink run themes to bring something new to the table for your child to try.

At Outwood Academy Hemsworth, we recognise the important connection between a healthy diet and a student's ability to learn effectively. To reflect this, Caterlink have the following aims:

- To ensure nutrition and a healthy diet has a prominent place in school life
- To offer healthy food and drink choices at all appropriate opportunities
- To increase student knowledge of different food types in the context of a balanced diet
- To ensure that food provision in the school reflects the ethical and medical requirements of staff and students (religious, ethical, vegetarian, medical and allergic needs)

Caterlink are committed to providing suitable meals for all students. Please ensure that your child's allergy or dietary requirements have been registered with the Academy. If you have any questions about menus or queries relating to your child's dietary requirements, you can

contact Caterlink's Regional Operations Manager, Neil Heslop via Email on nheslop@caterlinkltd.co.uk.

If your child receives Free School Meals, they will have an allowance added to their account daily. This can be used on their choice of food and drink, or they can purchase a meal deal.

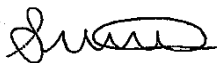
Your child may be entitled to free school meals if you are in receipt of one or more of the following benefits:

- 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 you 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
- Working Tax Credit run-on -paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit - if you applied on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get).

Children who get paid these benefits directly, instead of through a parent or guardian, can also get free school meals.

To find out if you are eligible for free school meals and to apply, please visit the [Wakefield Council website](#).

Yours faithfully



Suzie Day
Principal