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## Dear Parents/Carers

I informed you back in the summer term that notice had been given to our current catering providers. Today I am delighted to share with you that we have now confirmed our new company will indeed take over in January 2023.

We have worked hard to secure a company who will offer a high quality service and food we know all pupils will enjoy and want.

'Dolce' will take over our kitchen when we return in the New Year and I am looking forward to a long and successful partnership with them at Chivenor.

They are a family run business who strive for "*restaurant quality meals mixed with traditional home cooked meals*". Don Curtis, Chairman, strives for '*quality meals in a school kitchen*' and we look forward to working with the team to create a menu that we know our pupils (and staff) will love.

I want to increase the uptake of our school meals; I want every child in Reception, Year 1 and 2 to enjoy their 'free' universal school meal, each day, which, at a time when the cost of living continues to cause issues, will be a welcome relief for families.

During the next few weeks, we will agree a new 3-week menu and share this with you all. Our school Parliament will be central to this decision making as part of our pupil leadership team. However, to give you an idea of what may be included; here is some example meal options:

- sausage and mash
- pizza
- fish fingers
- roast dinners
- jacket potatoes
- spaghetti bolognaise
- all day breakfasts

- apple pie
- lemon drizzle
- brownies
- flapjacks
- fruit
- jellies
- sandwich/ wrap choices

I hope to also secure a food tasting session for all parents and as soon as we have a date for this, I will let you all know.

You will shortly receive an email from School Grid for registration to enable pre order (if required) and payments for school dinner. From 1<sup>st</sup> January 2023 we will no longer use Parentpay for school dinners. Children will continue to choose their lunch option in the classroom also.

This has been a long process to put a new provider but we are now satisfied that our pupils will soon be receiving high quality service at lunch times as hospitality is so vitally important to GST.

Kind regards

Mrs L Guest Executive Head

