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Dear Parents and Carers

School Lunch Provision from April 2021

You will be aware that Nourish have been providing school lunches in the majority of our schools since April 2018. Our contract with Nourish has now ended and we are delighted to confirm that we have agreed a new contract with Harrison Catering Ltd to start with effect from 01 April 2021.

At NEST we believe that lunch-times are an incredibly important part of the school day for our pupils as it offers them the opportunity to interact and socialise, as well enjoy a shared dining experience. We know that Harrison share this passion and are working hard on preparations to launch their school lunch service in our schools. Many of the same kitchen staff will TUPE across from Nourish to Harrison so your children will still see familiar faces at your school's servery.

Harrison have been delivering a successful school lunch provision at one of our schools, Balgowan Primary School, since 2016 and they have a proven track record and a high take up of schools lunches amongst pupils and staff alike.

Attached with this email are the school lunch menus for the start of Summer term. These will also be available on your school website.

You will notice that Harrison do not provide allergen information on their school menus. Instead they ask parents to complete a 'Food Allergy and Intolerance Management Form'. Please find attached a covering letter from Harrison regarding their management of food allergies together with a copy of the form which should be completed and returned to your school by the end of this week to enable Harrison to prepare for the launch of the service on 01 April. NEST and Harrison understand that the management of allergies at lunch-times can be a concern for parents so please do get in touch directly with Sonia Redhead, Manager Client Services at Harrison, as per the attached letter, if you have any concerns or would like to discuss any issues regarding your child's lunches.

Finally I am pleased to confirm that the meal price for paid meals in Years 3 to 6 will remain unchanged at £2.30 a meal until further notice. Pupils in Reception to Year 2 will continue to receive a free school meal as at present.

Yours sincerely

Paula Farrow
CEO