

# A FRESH NEW START

## Dear Parent

Independent Catering are delighted to have been appointed as the new catering partners at The Thomas Aveling School. We are launching the new service in September but will remain flexible with opening times and will be working closely with the school putting in place covid compliant health and safety measures.

### So, by way of an introduction:

**INDEPENDENTCATERING** is a small company focussed on providing your child with **freshly prepared, healthy meals**.

Our meat can be traced back to the farm and meets or exceeds UK animal welfare standards. Many of the vegetables used have been sourced locally which reduces the environmental impact of your child's lunches.

What's more, all ingredients used in meals are **free from additives**, artificial **trans fats** and **GMO's**, and most of the food is **freshly prepared** by trained chefs. Avoiding processed foods mean that our chef knows exactly what's going into the food they are preparing and it will also ensure that the students can connect the food they are eating to where it came from. In addition, our menus are inclusive of cultural needs and dietary requirements, so every student is catered for on our lunch menus.

Ninety Percent of our menus are freshly prepared in the school kitchen which means we know what goes into our food, including allergens. The ingredients of all the items will be on the packaging or displayed at point of sale.

Staff serving the food will know the ingredients of all the dishes, so if you want to know you just need to ask. In order that we are aware of any allergies do please notify the school office if you are aware of anything new your child must avoid.

We will provide a range of main meals for the students which we know they will love. The menu will be published on the school's website in due course and emailed out to all parents along with a list of all items on offer from the start of the autumn term. The main meal will be £2.40 for a meat or vegetarian choice and dessert, delivering great value.

There are so many other exciting new developments for our customers to look forward.

- Freshly made sandwiches and baguettes with our speciality hand-cut range
- Shaker Salad Pots with prawn cocktail, chicken tikka with raita and Caesar salad
- Our daily street food range introducing food from around the world
- Home bakes freshly made in our kitchen
- Chilled and hot drinks
- New salad bar with a choice of over 12 fresh salads per day.

We will continue to operate a cashless system. You will still be able to top up your child's account and pay online through ParentPay. Please note from the start of the new term we will discontinue with cash payments and there will no longer be a cash loader in school. This constitutes safe practice with the avoidance of any cash. All payment will be online only.

All pupils will use a fob to pay which provides a safer and more hygienic method of payment, Fobs will be issued to all students on their first day back.

**We look forward to seeing you in September.**

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