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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to inform you of some important upcoming changes to our school's meal provision service, which will take effect from Monday 1st December.

At Hipsburn Primary we are committed to providing healthy, balanced, and nutritious meals that support our pupils' well-being and learning. We have been using the Apetito meals service for the last couple of years, as despite our best efforts, we were unable to recruit a suitable replacement cook. The meals provided by Apetito are of excellent quality but this type of catering doesn't always provide the flexibility to suit our needs

I am delighted to share that our kitchen assistant, Sarah Martin, has been promoted to the post of School Cook. Sarah will be supported by the NCC area catering manager whilst she settles into her new post. I'm sure you will join us in wishing her well. Sarah will be supported by Wendy who is continuing in her role as kitchen assistant.

Summary of changes

New Menu - Sarah has been working closely with the area manager to devise a new 3 week rolling menu (see attached) which will come into effect on Monday 1st December. This menu has been designed to meet all government food standards and cater to diverse dietary needs. We have also consulted the children, gathering their likes and dislikes and ideas of what they would like to see on the new menu. The menu can also be found on our [school website](#).

Meal Price - The price of a school meal will remain unchanged at this time.

Dietary Requirements: If your child will have having school meals and has specific dietary requirements, including allergies or intolerances, please ensure the school office has the most up-to-date information. We do not use nuts in our meals and we ask that parents do not send nuts in snacks/packed lunches as we have nut allergies in school.



Free School Meals - We encourage all parents who believe they may be eligible for FSM to check their eligibility on the [Northumberland County Council website](#). Claiming FSM also secures valuable additional funding for the school (Pupil Premium).

We appreciate your understanding and support as we enhance the school dining experience for the children. We are excited about these changes and believe they will have a positive impact on our school community.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

Kind regards,

Mr. K. Moloney
Headteacher

