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Dear Parent/Carer,

### **Return of hot dinners Monday 19<sup>th</sup> October**

I am writing to confirm the arrangements for bringing hot meals back to the Court Lane Academies from Monday 19<sup>th</sup> October.

Since the beginning of the new school year, we have been working closely with our caterers, Caterlink Ltd, to decide how best we can deliver hot meals to both Infant and Junior school pupils safely, whilst not being able to seat children for lunch in the school halls; and in a way which would limit our impact on the environment. It was always our intention to bring back hot meals as soon as possible, and especially as the weather turns wet and cold.

Attached to this letter you will find the school menu, which will run from Monday 19<sup>th</sup> October (Week 1) up until the end of term. The menu was discussed with the school councils at both schools prior to lockdown and reflects the choice of the children at the time. The only amendment that has been made was to remove rice from the menu to reduce the risk of mess in the classrooms. We hope that your children enjoy the new menu.

Children with a special diet will also have a hot dinner menu provided and these are being revised at present.

Dinners will continue to be ordered in the same way as they are currently online via SCOPAY (Juniors) and online or in class (Infants). Meals can be ordered in advance up until midnight the night before. The cost of a Junior school meal is £2.15 and Infant meals are free. If you do not have a SCOPAY account set up and need a link code, please contact the School Office who will be able to help.

As social distancing must be preserved, children will continue to eat their lunches in the classroom. Children opting to have school dinners will have them delivered to their classroom in a reusable, heat-proof airplane style container, which will be collected and returned to the kitchen for sterilising at the end of lunch. Dinner serving times will remain as they are.

We know that there will be teething issues with any new system of working, and this is why we have decided to start the hot lunches the week before half term so that we have time to iron out any problems before the children start back again.

We appreciate your patience and if you have any feedback, positive or negative, we would very much like to hear it – please e-mail [icordery@courtlanejnr.portsmouth.sch.uk](mailto:icordery@courtlanejnr.portsmouth.sch.uk)

We will have more information on the Christmas meal later on in the term. If you have any additional questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school offices who will be happy to assist.

Yours sincerely

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Headteacher