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Dear Parent/Guardian

### **Free School Meals for All P1, P2 and P3 Pupils**

You are aware that from Monday, 5 January 2015 all pupils in P1-P3 will have an entitlement to receive Free School Meals on a daily basis.

We are expecting the uptake to be pretty high which could mean 575 to 600 pupils having school lunch. Whilst we can accommodate these numbers we have had to look closely at every step of the process to enable the children to relax and enjoy their meal.

* **Buying Juice**

 At present some parents pay for this with their dinner ticket whilst others pay on the day. Rather than have the younger children pay for the small quantity of juice we have decided to cease the selling of juice cups. The children will have access to water and/or milk as they have now. Should any child in P4-P7 still have stamped tickets, juice will be available for the first few weeks of the term.

* **Keeping Tickets**

 At present a considerable number of tickets are kept by the canteen staff. There should be no need for this as only pupils in P4-P7 will have tickets. Please make sure all tickets have pupil name/class on them; teachers will help if there is a problem with this.

* Please try and ensure dinner tickets are bought in advance as paying with cash on the day considerably holds up the dinner queue.
* For some time now we have been encouraging the children to choose a more “balanced” meal and we are hoping to move towards a system where vegetables etc are given as a matter of course rather than an option.

We will review these steps around mid-term and if necessary adjust lunch timings. Naturally we will also consider the views of parents and the pupils in our deliberations. I would like to remind parents of pupils in P1-3 that no refund will be given for unused tickets.

Yours faithfully



Wilma Walker

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