

Dear Parents,

As you are all aware, we have searching for a new permanent lunch provider for quite a long time now, and we are delighted that our quest has ended successfully! From September 2021, we are delighted to welcome Signature Dining as our provider of daily hot, nutritious meals. They will, in fact, be taking on the provision for a host of other Jewish schools but we have an individualised working relationship with them which should result, somewhat, in a feeling of us being their only clients!

Established in 2016, Signature Dining has grown exponentially to become the only dedicated provider of deliciously nutritious contract catering solutions in the Senior Living and Care sectors in the UK. Menus are developed with the input and insight of the schools involved, locally grown and seasonal ingredients are used wherever possible – whilst also being entirely mindful of all dietary requirements.

Attached to this ParentMail is a newsletter explaining more about Signature Education, the ParentPay system for paying for your child/ren's meals, and the three-weekly menus for the Autumn Term. Paul Robotom, Founding Director, explains more about their philosophy at the start of the newsletter:

“At Signature Education we recognise that children have specific nutritional needs and our menus therefore offer enticing options that are nutritionally balanced allowing our young diners to grow healthily and stay energized throughout a busy school day.

We analyse every one of our menus to ensure that our lunches provide a child with 30% of their total daily energy and approximately one third of their daily nutritional requirement. We put our young diners at the very the heart of all we do and we are committed to providing a service that embraces and promotes:

FEEDback

Our teams operate an open-door policy where feedback is actively encouraged. Pupil's views are heard, with the entire school community invested in the service on offer.

We also welcome regular communication with parents and guardians, such as Feed forums and term newsletters.

TOTAL SATISFACTION

We want our young diners to have a happy food experience. Our friendly teams provide a welcoming environment for the children to relax, socialise with their friends and leave feeling full and ready to learn.”

The new meal service will start in the Hall from Wednesday 1st September. Reception and KS1 remain entitled to Infant Free School meals, and so we will only be asking for £6.60 (66 days) for each child to bridge the financial gap. These children, as well as any across the school who are classed as Pupil Premium, will receive a packed lunch to take home on days that we finish early such as Erev Chag and Shabbat. The cost per day for KS2 is £2.64 which works out at £132 (50 days) for the term, as they won't receive lunches on days that we close early.

As you can see from this letter, and the attachments, we are all really excited to continue our relationship with Signature Education by bringing all our wonderful families along with us now. We will be finally returning to serving lunch from the Hall and using the opportunities afforded to us to

educate the children on eating healthily and with a balanced diet, as well as more practical matters such as table manners! Therefore, we would like to see a Hall filled with children enjoying these new delicious, hot meals. We know there will be 'teething troubles' at the start but these won't last long, so please persevere with us all. We're also delighted that, differently to before, you will be able to interact with Signature Education directly including with Daisy Whitbread, their nutritionist. If you have any issues with the menu, either before or after your child has tried the food, then please be in touch with them. We're all committed to making this a successful relationship.

Please check your inboxes for an activation email from ParentPay which we will get up and running as soon as possible. This will then allow you to setup your account, pay for your child/ren's meals, and (eventually) select your child's meals on a weekly basis. We just ask for your commitment on a termly basis please, to help us all manage in an efficient and fiscally sound manner.

See you all in September!

Mr Kett