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Dear Parent/Carer

EATWELL

We have exciting news about our catering service: the board and leadership team of the Academies have made the decision to end our contract with Caterlink and bring the catering in-house. Using the existing expertise across the Trust we are pleased to be part of the Eatwell concept from 14 June 2021.

Through the guidance and support of Les Purcell, the Trust Executive Chef, Les has agreed to extend his Eatwell vision to the West Grantham Academies, which is already hugely successful at Samworth Church Academy in Mansfield and Magnus CofE Academy in Newark.

The Eatwell provision sources local fresh food. We will be having fresh bread delivered at 4am each morning from Adkins and our butchers will be providing high quality meat, limiting the use of frozen products. Eatwell is based on cooking wholesome meals from scratch that are filling, nutritious and tasty for our students, with less processed food such as sausage rolls, nachos and bacon cobs.

Wise Pay accounts will not change and balances will seamlessly transfer over. If you do not already have an account but require a wise pay cashless account for your child, please email office@wgacademy.org.uk

Each day, students will be able to buy a large meal for £2, this could be a large filled roll and piece of fruit, a large portion of pasta topped with cheese (optional) and garlic bread, or the main meal of the day. If students wish to add a pudding the total cost would be £2.50. Fresh drinking water is available from the restaurant. The free school meal allocation will be £2.50 each day which will match the meal of the day price for a main meal and pudding.

As part of these changes we are joining the Magic Breakfast scheme which offers all students a free breakfast of either a toasted bagel or a pot of porridge. We will be reducing the food offered at break time and providing smaller healthier snacks that are fruit or oat based. This is for two reasons: we want students to opt in to the free breakfast scheme and fill up before lessons start and we then want them to have access to a smaller healthier snack at break but then be hungry at lunch for a healthy, filling meal.

This is the biggest change and something our students may not agree with to start. However, we recognise that many of our students are currently filling up on the unhealthy snacks on offer at break and then not having a meal at lunchtime. This is something we want to move away from and your support on this is most appreciated.

For further information, and pictures, please see the PowerPoint on the academy website. If you would like to provide feedback, please email nmoore@wgacademy.co.uk

We will be offering students free taster days, and parent taster sessions during July, so please look out for more information on those to follow.

Kind regards

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