



St James' CofE Primary School

"Committed to Excellence"

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School Lunches

Dear Parents / Carers,

As we continue to evaluate and develop our response in school to the present situation I would like to write to you today to outline some exciting changes to our school lunch provision. As I am sure you can imagine, lunchtimes have presented specific problems for us (and many schools up and down the country) when considering how children remain in bubbles whilst all receiving their lunch and staying safe.

We regularly review our risk assessment to ensure we keep bubbles as separate as possible and within all current guidelines, whilst also ensuring children feel comfortable whilst eating. In our most recent review we have decided to change our provision and provide packed lunches for school meal children once every three weeks. One week in every three, children will eat a packed lunch in their classrooms, provided by school, whilst enjoying some 'film-club' activities. We feel this will be similar to a 'whole bubble indoor picnic' and something the children will really enjoy. For the other two weeks, the children will be in the hall as usual.

This does allow us to ensure that there is even more room in the hall for the children eating lunch there. Children in the hall will continue to receive a hot meal from the School Kitchen. For those children who bring their own packed lunches this can continue and they will either join their friends in the hall or in their classroom depending on which week it is. *No bubble will be separated by this slight change.*

School packed lunches will include a sandwich, snacks, fruits and some fancy extras which we are keeping secret for now! Children will be able to select the contents of their sandwiches from a range of options.

Many schools are yet to return to hot meals and we are proud that we have been able to do so. We don't see the one week in three 'picnic' as something for the children to be worried about...More something they will all be very keen to access and enjoy.

As always, should you have any questions about this please contact the school office or email us at office@stjameswardle.co.uk

I would like to thank you once again for your support and positivity in our work here in school. It is much appreciated by all the staff.

Take care,

S. Booth
Deputy Headteacher

