



Oaklands School

"The best for all, the best from all"

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Dear Parents/Carers

RE: Edsential Catering

As you are aware when the students return for the Autumn Term we will be working with Edsential, an outside catering provider, following the retirement of the school cook and to ensure that the school catering provision continues to improve.

The school meal cost from September 2021 will be £2.49 per day or £12.45 per week. The school will continue to use school money for parents/carers to pay for school dinners. This is the first increase for school meals at Oaklands School since September 2015.

Edsential provides a full catering service to 150 schools across Cheshire West and Chester and Wirral producing over 23,000 meals every school day. Their service brings a fresh and energetic approach to providing top quality meals during lunchtime and at other times during the school day.

Their mission is to provide high-quality catering services by offering a range of appetising and nutritious menus. They cater for cultural and dietary needs allowing all customers to have choice. They operate service flexibility, always driven on aspiring to meet and satisfy all customers.

Their purpose is to provide children with healthy, high quality, affordable food choices that will help them perform well in school. Their aim is to achieve the best for our school, students, staff, and governors, nurturing positive customer relationships, empowering a skilled workforce, and driving a culture of high expectations.

Quality Food using Quality Ingredients

Edsential school meals are ethically sourced and environmentally friendly, and they were the first in the world and are still the only school catering provider to only use certified sustainable palm oil in their meals.

They are very aware that palm oil production can have a very damaging effect on forests and land in tropical countries where palm oil is produced, affecting the habitat of many species including Orangutans.

Edsential works closely with Chester Zoo and is part of the Chester Sustainable Palm Oil City Project. These partnerships inspired the business to work with all its suppliers to ensure that 100 per cent of food ingredients and products contain palm oil from responsible and sustainable sources.

Edsential guarantee that their food meets a host of accreditations and National Food Standards, which ensures it can support local businesses and reduce food miles with locally and ethically sourced ingredients.

Menu options are included for your information.

Please ensure that: *If your child has a food allergy or intolerance, you have returned the allergy information sheet which was previously emailed to you. This will ensure that Edsential have up to date information for all children taking a school meal.*

Morning Break Snack

We will also be re-introducing snacks at morning break provided by Edsential week commencing 20th September 2021.

The cost of a morning break snack will be £1.25 per week (25p per day) and this should be paid for via school money on a weekly basis. Students will be allowed to choose one of the snacks from the list below. Please note payment needs to be made by the Friday of each week in order to be able to access snacks on the following Monday.

Students will still be able to bring snacks in from home if they wish.

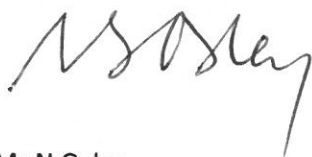
Morning Break Options

Slice of Toast
Half a Tea Cake
Crumpet
Piece of Fruit
Cup of Milk (170ml)
Cup of Juice

If you wish your son/daughter to take up the option of having a school snack paid for weekly please complete the e-form that will be sent home next week.

Please do not hesitate to contact school if you have any queries or questions in connection with this information.

Yours sincerely



Mr N Oxley
Headteacher