



Dear Parents and Carers,

We wanted to let you know about a few updates to the school meal service.

Over the past term, many parents and schools told us that ordering meals two weeks in advance was difficult. Since September, we have been trialling a new system where you can book meals up until 11:59pm the night before. This change has worked well, thanks to the hard work of our kitchen teams, so we have decided to make it permanent. We do ask, where possible, that you continue to order in advance, as it helps our catering teams manage food orders and preparation. We will keep monitoring this to make sure it continues to work well for everyone.

You will also notice a few small menu updates after half term. Stewed fruit will now be served with rice pudding, and some dishes with lower uptake, like zesty orange chicken, have been replaced with more familiar favourites.

Our Christmas-themed lunch will take place on Wednesday 18 December. As this is a special event, we would appreciate it if families could book a little earlier than usual so we can make sure enough festive food is ordered for everyone who would like a Christmas meal.

Over the next few weeks, we will be asking for your feedback about the school meal service. A short parent survey will be sent out after half term. Links will be shared by email, on Facebook, and on our Parent Information site, which can be accessed via the QR code below. We will also invite parents to join informal discussion sessions to share their views. You can let us know if you are interested at attend one of these sessions at the end of the survey, or by emailing [@CYPES School Meals](mailto:@CYPES_School_Meals). Links This is a great opportunity to join the conversation and help shape the school meal provision.

Thank you for your continued support and for helping us make school meals better for all children.

Kind Regards
The School Meals Catering Team



