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HERTFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

FAIRLANDS PRIMARY SCHOOL & NURSERY

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Dear Parents/Carers

SCHOOL DINNERS – PUPILS' CHOICE

Following discussions at Parent Forum, we have decided to make an exciting change to the way in which children will receive school dinners. These changes will take place after we come back from the Royal Wedding weekend, on the 3rd May.

As previously, every day a hot meal of meat or fish and a vegetarian option will be provided but now a **new option will be added - a freshly prepared school packed lunch, in a smart new lunch box!**

During registration, the children who are having a school meal will be asked to select from the menu which main course they would like or if they require a school packed lunch. They will then be issued with a coloured wristband relating to their choice, to be handed to the kitchen staff at lunchtime. Obviously, children who do not have a wristband will be those who have brought a home packed lunch.

The wristband colours are:

Red	Meat/Fish School Dinner
Green	Vegetarian School Dinner
Yellow	School Packed Lunch

This system ensures that every child receives the meal they have chosen. Attached is a copy of the new menu and we would be grateful if you would discuss the choice of menu with your child before coming to school. This particularly applies to the younger children in Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1 who may have difficulty choosing. It is important that the children make the right decision at registration, as they will not be able to change their minds after this point... the cook will have already prepared the food, so there will be no changing minds at the hatch!

I am sure you will appreciate that the new system makes it even more important that your child arrives **ON TIME** in the morning, as it will be hard to ensure that children who are late for registration get their meal choice.

The price of school dinners will remain at £1.90 per day or £9.50 per week. (Nursery Lunch Club £3.80 or £2.00 for free school meals)

Yours sincerely

Mr R Staples
Headteacher