



The South Wolds
Academy
and Sixth Form

14th May 2024

Dear Parents and Carers

Changes to catering: important update

I am delighted to share news of an exciting development at South Wolds during the summer of 2024, as part of our ongoing programme of site development. We have been given the green light to upgrade our current catering facilities into an expanded kitchen and servery area which will be built in time for the new academic year in September 2024.

We are all thrilled about this exciting milestone and the positive ways it will impact on the children we serve, arising from significant site investment. It will enable us to provide a greater servery area for students to access food and drink, as well as expand the range and volume of food available.

As with all projects that cannot be contained within the five-week summer break window, there will inevitably be temporary disruption to our in-school catering services over the next few weeks and the team are working hard to ensure this disruption is kept to a minimum where possible.

Importantly, there will be a temporary reduction in kitchen service, effective from **Wednesday 22nd May 2024**: this means the temporary pause of hot food production, moving to a cold service until the new kitchen and serveries re-open in September. If we are able to reintroduce anything further before that time we will do so.

Please note that these changes will not impact the opportunities to purchase food and drinks before school, during morning break time and at lunchtime, as well as after-school. Access to drinking water will also not be affected.

We do understand if you would prefer to provide a packed lunch for your child during this time, but equally, all students will be able to access food and drink in school during this period. Our talented catering team will be exploring additional ways of extending the choice in the limited service above during the final weeks of the summer term. If we are able to utilise any ovens during this time we will aim to do so and please be assured that any child who is [eligible for free school meals](#) will continue to be prioritised.

I hope that this does not cause you too much inconvenience and am confident the expansion in service and variety available after the kitchen reopens will be its own reward.

If you have any queries please contact Mr Pete Griffiths, Business and Operations Manager, at the academy.

Yours sincerely,

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