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Dear Parent/Carer

REINTRODUCTION OF HOT MEALS

Many of you have contacted us in recent weeks to enquire about hot school lunches.

The Senior Leadership Team have been considering for some time how we can safely reintroduce hot meals whilst still maintaining our class bubbles. Unfortunately the logistics of getting over 600 children safely through the Hall in their 'bubbles' with their 'bubble' mid-day supervisors means that lunchtime would take considerably longer than normal. We experienced this at Christmas and although we managed it successfully it did have a huge impact on the school day even though the lunch options were greatly reduced. This isn't therefore a viable option for us.

We have also considered children eating hot meals in their classrooms but along with the safety aspects of transporting the meals this does mean that we anticipate issues with spillages and cleanliness in the rooms in which children then need to learn in the afternoons.

We regret therefore that we feel that, having considered our options over several weeks, we do not believe we can safely reintroduce hot meals until we can dispense with our class bubbles and minimising mixing. We really hope that we will be in that position in September.

In the meantime we have asked Ideal School Meals to reintroduce jacket potatoes from after half-term. We appreciate that that isn't a full hot meal service but will offer another choice for children. The deadline for ordering meals for the first week of term has been extended to 9.00 a.m. on Tuesday 1st June. The deadline for subsequent weeks will be midnight on the Sunday of the previous week as normal.

Please don't hesitate to contact us if you have any queries or concerns.

Yours sincerely



Mrs Sarah Buttress
Head of School