

School Lunches in September

We are pleased to announce that we are able to continue to provide high quality meals from September 2020 in all Gipsy Hill Federation schools. This will be done in accordance to the most recent Government guidelines relating to Covid 19.

How do guidelines affect your child's lunches?

So, where hot food is served in the dining hall, pupils will arrive, eat and leave the hall in their Year Group 'Bubble'. Seating will be spaced out and the area, including furniture, will be sanitised in between sittings. Measures designed to reduce the risk of cross contamination include:

- Removal of self-help salad bars (salad items will be served by the Catering Assistant at the counter)
- Removal of self-help dessert stations (desserts will be served from the counter)
- Removal of baskets of fresh bread on the dining tables (fresh bread will be served from the counter)
- Removal of cutlery from the dining tables (cutlery and beakers will be issued individually from the counter). Water will be served by a TA at the table

The hot food menu will be as published with just one exception. There will be a meat and a vegetarian option each day but the 3rd choice will be a jacket potato with fillings initially with pasta being re-introduced at a slightly later date. In addition to the hot dessert, there will be either fresh fruit or low sugar jelly available daily.

The capacity in the dining halls will be significantly reduced owing to the spacing requirements. It may therefore be necessary for some classes to have a packed lunch in the classroom on certain days. These packed lunches offer a choice of fillings in a bap (Reception and Year 1) or a baguette (years 2 to 6) as follows:

Tuna Mayo	Cheese	Egg Mayo
Houmus & Roasted Vegetables		Cream Cheese & Cucumber

In addition, packed lunches will contain crudité, fresh fruit and a biscuit.

The above plan will be in place from 2 September but will remain flexible as the situation and legislation changes. We will work very closely with each of the schools to communicate any changes with you as and when they occur.

You will be able to find our most up-to-date menu on the schools' website.