

18<sup>th</sup> July 2023

Dear Parents/Carers

I am writing to share with you the news that we have appointed Innovate as our new school caterers and they will be taking over the contract from the 1<sup>st</sup> September.

Innovate are part of the Impact Food Group family, and having worked successfully with and for schools for a number of years bring with them lots of new ideas and initiatives. For more information about what they do, who they are and what to expect please visit [www.impactfood.co.uk](http://www.impactfood.co.uk) Attached you will also find a welcome letter from them.

We are excited to be working in partnership with Innovate to ensure that all of our children are provided with a catering service that offers not just good quality food, but a variety of options for all and price points that take into account all budgets. Over the summer we will be updating our catering page on the website, so that you will be able to find examples of some of their meal deals, weekly menus and a tariff list.

Due to the increase in food prices over the past year or so, and to ensure that the children are able to purchase items at both break and lunch, and for some breakfast too, we have had to review the default daily spend limit. From September the default daily limit will be set at £7, however if you would like this to be amended then we would be more than happy to arrange this. Please email [j.friend@marlborough.herts.sch.uk](mailto:j.friend@marlborough.herts.sch.uk) with your preferred limit and we will set this for your child(ren). Please be advised however, that once the limit is set the till operators are unable to override this at the point of sale. Please also note that if you had previously set a different limit already, that this will be changed to the £7, and so you may need to advise us again of your preferred amount.

I will be working with Innovate over the summer on the relaunch of our catering service which includes some rebranding works in both the canteen and the Post 16 café areas. I am hopeful that when your child(ren) come back in September they will see a big difference! In the meantime, I wish you all a very lovely summer, whatever you might be doing.

Yours Faithfully

Mrs D Dean  
Director of Finances & Resources

