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Thursday 1st July 2021

New Caterers for Heber Primary School

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are writing to let you know that in September, the school will be using a new catering company to provide meals for our children at Heber. For the past 7 years, the catering service at Heber has been managed by Harrisons, and we are grateful for their hard work and commitment to providing healthy meals for our children.

Caterlink have now been appointed as our new caterers. The team in the kitchen is likely to stay the same, but there will be completely new menus and a fresh approach to the meals service at Heber.

Caterlink have been selected with the following points in mind;

- Silver accreditation from the Soil Association's 'Food for Life' programme, focused on sustainable and healthy catering
- 95% of food prepared from scratch on site
- Fresh ingredients from local suppliers
- Sugar smart - tasty low sugar desserts
- Plastic Reduction Pledge - No single use plastic
- Strong commitment to finding creative ways to encourage children to try new foods
- A more diverse range of daily choices such as a range of interesting salads, freshly baked bread every day and age targeted initiatives such as a 'hydration station' and build your own baguette for the Year 5-6's.

Before appointing Caterlink, we visited other schools to sample their food, and heard from their recipe development chef about the work that goes into developing tasty new recipes. We are excited to see what improvements they will bring to Heber lunchtimes!

Please see attached with this letter some introductory information from Caterlink. We will be meeting with the School Council to talk about their favourite recipes and will be agreeing on a menu, which will be shared before the end of term. Caterlink has a bank of tried and tested recipes which we can choose from, based on what we think the Heber children will enjoy.



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If you would like to read more about Caterlink please click [here](#) to view their website.

Also attached please find an allergy and intolerance form. If your child has any allergies or food intolerances, please can you complete this form as soon as possible and return it by email to jchild@heber.southwark.sch.uk by Friday 9th July.

We understand that parents and carers care deeply about the food their children eat at school. We will be working with Caterlink to set up tasting events and initiatives in the Autumn term, both for parents and for children.

In the meantime, if you have any questions about your children's meals which you would like us to put to Caterlink, please send them to us by email at adminoffice@heber.southwark.sch.uk. We will then produce a Frequently Asked Questions sheet which will be shared with all parents and carers before the end of term.

We look forward to offering our children a new and exciting school meal offer from September.

Best regards,

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Headteacher

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Business Manager

