

I do hope this finds you keeping well and looking forward to a much-needed summer break, after what has been another challenging period!

We approach the end of the school year with a degree of optimism around the vaccine programme and, with a fair wind, we expect to resume a normal catering offer in all schools from September onwards, including the resumption of breakfast clubs, first break, lunch and after school services.

We are excited to be able to plan what will effectively be a relaunch of our menus and to have the opportunity to welcome those students who may have missed out over the past academic year.

Many schools plan to keep a staggered service in place, ensuring that as many students as possible have a lot more time to enjoy their dining experience. We fully understand this is not possible in every school, given timetable pressures, but it's nice to now see a reversion to a full lunch hour, if not longer.

As you are aware, each year at around this time, we review our tariffs in line with supplier price increases. Having now spent some time looking at the existing tariffs, considering the current inflation rate of 2.1%, the volatility within the food sector itself, and the Bank of England forecast of 3%, we are delighted to confirm an overall increase of 1.3%.

As ever, we try to balance common sense with the fact we need to manage a business during this tricky time, and with our overriding aim of protecting the livelihoods of our colleagues.

I am sure you have read about the general disruption both Brexit and Covid-19 have brought to the food service sector (specifically the supply chain). So, whilst we have remained consistent with our tariffs over many years now, we must caveat the modest September increase with a word of caution.

We have already been pre-warned by our suppliers that we could be looking at increases of more than 3% in March or April next year. If we do need to revisit tariffs, mid-academic year, we will, as always, consult with you before we do anything and the consultation process, as with the PPN recharging process, will be paramount in making the correct decisions.

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Another point to note is the number of you who have approached us about rolling over the FSM allowance, following on from the recent Government initiative. This may only be for specific year groups (such as 6th Form students or Year 7s) or could encompass the entire student population. If you are thinking along these lines, please speak with your Operations Manager, who can easily make this happen. We fully understand the requirement to juggle and balance various budgets, but we are conscious of the clamour for a review of FSM funding, and want to make sure we're both ahead of the curve, as far as possible.

As we look back over the last year, the standout highlights for us are the amazing partnerships we have with our schools and clients. The strength in our relationship has enabled us to work together on all manner of challenges, so thank you all for your continued support, guidance, and understanding as we look forward to many more years of working together.

May we now take this opportunity to wish you a peaceful, healthy, and wonderful summer and look forward to continuing our partnership in the autumn.

Kindest regards

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