

16th July 2024

Dear Parent/Carer,

We are excited to announce that we will be implementing a new software called Appetite for the ordering and payment of your child's school meals in the new term.

With Appetite, you can easily order and pay for your child's meals with just a few clicks. To get started, Appetite will be sending you a welcome email with instructions on how to activate your account and create your password. We will let you know what date to look out for this in your inbox. Please note that in order for your account to be created, we will be sharing your information with Appetite. You can view Appetite's Privacy Policy on the following link:

https://appetite.hutchisoncatering.co.uk/termsofuse/Privacy-Policy.pdf

You can order on a weekly, monthly or even termly basis. The system will allow you to place as many orders in advance as you like, up to one term in advance. **This system** will be in place for the start of the new academic term, so please remember to select your child's lunch options before the first week of term. The ordering system will open from the 19th August 2024.

If you pay for your child's meals, then you have two options on Appetite. You can top up your account by making a card payment or alternatively, you can set up a Direct Debit. To place an order, you need to ensure you have the relevant credit on your account or a Direct Debit set up. If you do not have these, you will be unable to order and receive a reminder message to make payment.

With Direct Debit, Appetite collects the payment on a monthly basis and it is collected in arrears. Your Direct Debit amount can vary depending on the amount of meals taken within the period so a statement will be sent to you two weeks prior to the collection, detailing the exact date and the amount to be collected, as well as all the meals included.

We really want parents and carers to be actively involved in their child's nutritional choices and we hope that this change will support this. Please remember to cancel your order if your child will not be having the meal at lunchtime, otherwise you may still be charged. This also helps cut down on food wastage.

We hope that you find Appetite easy to use and convenient for ordering and paying for your child's school meals. Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Appetite support can be contacted via email on appetite@hutchisoncatering.co.uk or by telephone on 0191 2497899.

Kind regards,

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