



Dear Parent/Guardian

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce Autograph Education as the catering company that will be providing the school lunches to your child's school.

At Autograph, we are absolutely passionate about the food and service we offer to our young customers. We take a lot of time planning and compiling our menus to ensure that they encourage the children to try a large range of dishes, allowing them to experience cultural diversity along with increasing their knowledge and awareness of food, whilst ensuring it's tasty and good for them!

We use only fresh high-quality ingredients; all our meat is British Red Tractor Farm Assured Accredited, our fish is from sustainable sources, our eggs are free range, our fruit and vegetables are locally sourced and are delivered via them who are based in and around Bedfordshire. Our meals all contain at least two portions of the five a day recommended intake of fruit and vegetables. Based on these credentials, we have been awarded the Food for Life Accreditation from the Soil Association, who continually monitor and audit our service.

Within this pack we have included a range of information to allow you to make an informed choice in respect of your child's eating whilst at school:

- **Food Allergies & Intolerances** – At Autograph we aim to accommodate children with food allergies or intolerances, and currently feed over 3,000 children daily who have an allergy or intolerance. If your child has any needs in this area please complete the form in the pack, ensuring that the form is signed by a registered medical professional, and we will work with you to support their needs.
- **Classroom Cooks** – This initiative involves the children in the menus as they create, test and evaluate their own dishes with the support of our Executive Chefs and Nutritionists; we have enclosed some classroom cook's recipes for you to try at home.

It is absolutely vital that when you consider all the items you need for your child when starting school, that you include their requirement for lunch. Ensuring your child has a nutritionally balanced meal guarantees that they have the energy to work to their best ability, enjoy the full school day and it also aids in their concentration. So why not give school meals a try.

From September 2014 central government introduced Universal Free School Lunches for all KS1 children, this means that this tasty and nutritious lunch is provided at no cost to you. If your child would have been entitled to a free school lunch under the old scheme please contact the school to complete a form for this as it provides extra funding to the school for your child's education.

If you would like to know more about our service please visit www.autographfood.co.uk or if you have any questions or queries please feel free to contact me on 07484 095815.

Yours sincerely

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