



14 September 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

I am aware that there has been some confusion and miscommunication on our behalf in relation to packed lunches. For this I would like to apologise.

Old Park is a school that promotes healthy eating. We feel that it is important that we make a positive contribution to children's health by encouraging healthy eating habits in childhood that can influence health and wellbeing in later life. This is particularly important in the Lower phase when we are establishing routines and expectations. The government encourages all schools to promote healthy eating and provide healthy, tasty and nutritious food and drink. Compliance with the School Food Standards is mandatory for all maintained schools.

Whilst we await the reopening of our school kitchen, some parents have provided a packed lunch from home for their child, whilst others have purchased a grab bag from school. I recognise that there have been some differences in the contents of the grab bags e.g. crisps and that this is contradictory to the message given to those providing a lunch from home.

Moving forward –

- School will continue to promote healthy eating. We have had some fantastic successes with pupils trying new types of food and we want this to continue.
- School will update and publish our Health Eating policy on the website.
- The school kitchen will reopen on Tuesday 22nd September 2020 and will recommence our hot food menu.
- School will no longer be putting crisps in our grab bags.
- School will continue to encourage parents to send in healthy food for snack and lunch but will ensure that your child is offered the full contents that you have provided.
- School will continue to have discussions with parents and carers about food choices offered.

Kind Regards



Miss Jodie Colbourne
Head teacher