

Dear Parent/Carer

Change of Catering Contract at Beacon Academy

I am pleased to inform you that from Monday 2 April 2018, Sodexo will be the new catering provider for Beacon Academy. Sodexo will provide Beacon with the level of resources, expertise and support required to transform the quality of food services and to put pupil health and wellbeing at the heart of our school.

The existing contract with our current supplier (Aspens) will expire on 1 April 2018; this has given ourselves the opportunity to further develop the catering experience for the students and parents/carers. We thank Aspens for their support of our academy.

Sodexo has 50 years' experience in school catering in the UK. They are committed to developing a food offer that reflects current and future culinary trends, dietary needs and eating patterns whilst empowering parents & students to make informed choices.

What students, parents and carers can expect;

- New and regular menu development
- A branding and marketing refresh
- Theme days (informed by The Student Council)
- New promotions
- High-impact food presentation
- Value for money tariffs

Sodexo are also providing additional investment to our academy. This money will be spent on upgrading Café 5000. As part of this investment we have also secured the installation of a cashless biometric catering system with new touchscreen tills and a cash-loader to allow pupils and parents/carers to 'top up' their accounts on-site (using online payment). This means that pupils will be able to purchase food using their fingertip, offering a safe, secure, and fast method of payment.

This means parents/carers do not have to provide their child with money, which can sometimes be spent purchasing 'junk' food from the shops on the way to the academy. We intend to go 'live' with the cashless system following our return from May half-term on Monday 4 June 2018 – *full details will follow*.

Please find enclosed, a sample menu and proposed tariff. The proposed tariff for school meals is approximately £2.10 per day.

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact the academy on 01472 328888 or office@beaconacademy.co.uk.

Yours sincerely



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