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## Chartwells in partnership with Eckington School

Please note, from September 2017 our new school meals provider will be 'Chartwells'.

All parent pay top ups for school dinners will need to be credited to 'Chartwells' ('Lunch Card Top-Up –Eckington School').

All cheque payments will need to be made out to 'Chartwells', with your child's full name and form on the reverse of the cheque.

### Some information from our new provider of school meals

Chartwells is the leading provider of contract catering and support services to the education sector in the UK. Our team prides themselves on innovation and commitment to finding imaginative new ways to increase meal uptake and enhance student experience, making school food tasty and appealing. There's also a great deal of importance placed on the vital role we play in educating young people on good nutrition and healthy lifestyles and additional education programmes.

From brand new reception children to those on the cusp of adulthood, Chartwells is focused on sharing in each child's educational journey. We currently work with over 2,300 education units including primary schools, secondary schools, academy schools, independent schools, colleges and universities and produce and deliver approximately 975,000 meals each week, 38million meals annually.

At the heart of our offer is freshly prepared, great-tasting and attractively presented food that's fully nutritionally analysed by our expert in-house team. We put the highest possible emphasis on healthy, balanced, nutritionally compliant school meals that provide excellent value for money.

We're proud of our support for local and British suppliers – sourcing the best possible quality ingredients and produce from well respected, stringently selected and continually audited farmers and growers. At the same time we use our economies of scale to make sure of value for money, highly competitive pricing and low food miles through an industry-leading distribution network.

We've always taken the issue of food allergies extremely seriously. If any pupil has an allergy, an intolerance or a medical condition that calls for a special diet - however simple or complex - our in-house expert team of nutritionists make sure they're fully and safely catered for with special menus, procedures and local training. We work closely with each student and their family to create an individual menu that they'll like and eat, regularly developing special menus to deal with the common allergens as well as looking after more complex diet-affected metabolic disorders. We also support diabetic dietary needs (especially type 1) by providing the exact amount of carbohydrate needed to manage insulin levels.

**From September 2017 we will be updating our website with all the latest information on our school dinners service from 'Chartwells' - you can find all of this under the 'Organisation' tab, 'School Dinners'**