

29th November 2018

Dear Parent/Guardian

Re: All Years: Catering provision at The Holt School

We are pleased to announce that following a tender process we have appointed Chartwells to run the catering provision at The Holt School.

There will be freshly prepared 'grab and go' food with minimal packaging, however, we do want to reduce the domination of 'grab and go' that we currently have, which not only creates huge amounts of litter but also encourages poor eating habits. Therefore part of our vision is to promote a culture of sitting down in The Holt Café using plates, knives and forks to enjoy freshly cooked, wholesome tasty food at breakfast, break time and at lunch. We are very excited about the launch of the new Holt Café next term.

Chartwells delivered an excellent pitch; they are committed to freshly cooked food, with two seasonal menus. Their displays are exciting and their menu offers are based on popular high street offerings. They are planning to introduce a kiosk later on in the term to sell 'grab and go' to reduce queuing time in the Café but they are also keen to improve signage in the Café to give it a high street feel and this will also help redirect queues to increase the flow of students through the tills. Sixth formers will be able to use the Café throughout the day.

Chartwells are keen to engage with our students and are excited to introduce themselves to the student council in January and take feedback based on the first few weeks. They are also keen to offer work experience placements to our students in their local kitchens as well as have their nutritionist come in to speak to students about food.

In order for Chartwells to refurbish the café and be in a position to open for the start of term on Thursday 3rd January, The Holt Café will close directly after the Christmas lunch on Wednesday 12th December. This means there will be **no catering provision available between Thursday 13th December and Wednesday 19th December**, the end of term. Students entitled to free school meals will be catered for each day with a sandwich, piece of fruit/cookie and a bottle of water.

Please do email me w.simmons@holt.wokingham.sch.uk if you have any concerns about the Café being closed for the last 5 days of school.

Yours sincerely



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Deputy School Business Manager