

31st August 2017

Dear Parent/Carers

Catering changes from 4th September, 2017

In response to a survey completed by students and meetings held by Student Voice representatives there will be changes to the menu from the 4th September, 2017. We have reduced the sale price on some of the items as follows:

	Previous price	New Price
Volvic water	£1.10	£1.00
Bottled water	£0.80	£0.70
Mini pack biscuits	£0.60	£0.50
Cookies (brought in)	£0.60	£0.50
Fab lollies	£1.10	£1.00
Fruit pastille lollies	£1.10	£1.00
Pastry sausage roll	£0.90	£0.80
Small sausage/bacon roll	£1.10	£1.00
Sausage/bacon baguettes	£2.00	£1.80
Meatball sub	£2.00	£1.80
Tortillas & salsa	£1.50	£1.40
Chicken wrap	£2.00	£1.80
Chicken burger	£1.40	£1.20
Cheeseburger	£1.40	£1.20
Small plain roll	£0.40	£0.30
Garlic bread	£0.40	£0.30

We have changed the supplier for pizzas and sausage rolls, replaced the turkey burgers with chicken burgers and have added jerk chicken wraps and Mexican chicken wraps to the menu. We are hoping that the improved menu choice and price reductions will encourage students to use the Canteen.

We have improved the facilities for the Canteen on South Campus and are looking at improving the facilities on North this year.

I am also pleased to inform you that we will be implementing a new cashless payment system using biometrics at Elizabeth Woodville School. This will allow us to make the best use of efficient systems to speed up payment processing in the canteen.

We expect this system to improve the services we are able to offer students and staff significantly, with benefits including:

- Improved security for handling cash transactions in the school
- Opportunity for parent/carers to monitor canteen access for their children
- Reduction in opportunities for bullying as there is nothing that can be stolen for use by another student
- Children will not have to remember to bring a card or cash to use the Canteen
- Reduction in queuing time

This is a technology that is already used successfully by thousands of schools and as a leadership team we are convinced that this is the right way forward for Elizabeth Woodville School. We are keen to provide an opportunity for parents and guardians to find out more about the system and answer any questions they may have. We would like to offer parents the opportunity to discuss any concerns they may have during the goal setting days – this will be Thursday the 12th of October for South and Tuesday the 17th of October on North.

We would like to make it clear that Elizabeth Woodville School will comply at all times with Data Protection Act and with the provisions of the Protection of Freedoms Act 2012 regarding the use of biometric data. In order for your child to use the biometric system, one parent or guardian will need to read, consent by email or sign and return the attached form. We will also offer an opportunity to opt out for those pupils who, upon consideration, would prefer to use alternative forms of identification. This can be achieved through use of a PIN.

Further information about biometrics systems is enclosed.

If you would like more information or the chance to discuss this further, please feel free to contact the school on finance@ewsacademy.org.uk.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J Bennett', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Mr J Bennett
Headteacher

IMPORTANT NOTES FOR PARENTS

Background to the use of biometrics in school

For the sake of clarity, biometric information is information about someone's physical or behavioural characteristics that can be used to identify them. There are many possible biometrics, including for example, a digital photograph, fingerprint, or hand shapes. As part of our identity management systems, we will record a biometric measurement taken from a finger, but not a fingerprint image. The information is stored in a highly secure database and will only be used by the school to confirm who is using a range of services. In future we may use other biometric services where appropriate.

Our chosen solution allows us to use a secure database holding biometric data for use with a range of services. This means we will store the least amount of data possible. This reduces the risk of loss of data.

The data that is held cannot be used by any other agency for any other purpose.

The school will not use the biometric information for any purpose other than that stated above. The school will store the biometric information collected securely in compliance with the Data Protection Act 1998. The school will not share this information with anyone else and will not unlawfully disclose it to any other person.

Current Legislation – The Protection of Freedoms Act 2012

This legislation requires schools to:

- Inform parents about the use of the biometric systems in the school and explain what applications use biometrics.
- Receive written permission from one parent if the school is to process biometric information for their child.
- Allow children to choose an alternative way of being identified if they wish.
- Children under 18 who do not have permission will not be able to use existing or new biometrics when using services in the school.

If you do not wish your child to use the biometric system or your child chooses to use an alternative form of identification we will provide reasonable alternative arrangements that allow them to access current and future services.

Should you agree to the processing of your child's biometric information, it is important that you return the signed consent form that will be sent out shortly. Please note that when he/she leaves the school, or if for some other reason he/she ceases to use the biometric system, his/her biometric data will be permanently deleted.

If you would like to discuss this in more detail, please contact the school using the e-mail finance@ewsacademy.org.uk

CONSENT FORM FOR THE USE OF BIOMETRIC INFORMATION IN SCHOOL

Please complete this form if you consent to your child using biometric systems until he/she leaves the school.

Once your child ceases to use the biometric recognition system, his/her biometric information will be securely and permanently deleted by Elizabeth Woodville School.

I give consent to the school for the biometrics of my child: _____ to be used by Elizabeth Woodville for use as part of a recognition system as described above.

I understand that I can withdraw this consent at any time in writing.

Name of Parent:

Signature:

Date:

Please return this form to: Reception on either site prior to the 20th October, 2017.