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Dear AGGS Parents,

Stella, Glenn and the catering team were delighted to welcome all the pupils and staff back for the Autumn term. It has been a challenging half term, with ever changing COVID-19 Government guidelines and delivering school meals under the 'new normal.' Stella and the team know how much the pupils love lunchtime and it was important to them to make sure everyone felt safe, including our catering team.

We have had to make some changes to the lunchtime service by implementing the following initiatives;

- We conducted a re-opening risk assessment at the beginning of term.
- Agreed a local plan together with the school management team.
- Delivered COVID-19 mandatory safety training for Stella and the catering team.
- Provided additional personal protective equipment (PPE) for catering staff, enhanced hygiene procedures and implemented additional preventative cleaning regimes, including time between each year group bubble to clean the dining room space ready for the next year group.
- We have implemented a Pre Order Mobile Phone App to enable your children to order hot and cold snacks and drinks for the mid-morning Rec break. These are served in socially distanced year group bubbles at specified locations around the school
- Maintained social distancing in the kitchen and servery areas.
- We have had to remove some self-service food counters (e.g. salad bars, cake displays) to reduce the risk of contamination
- The team have worked closely with Stephanie Gill and Jenny Ogunmyiwa to review and plan how pupils received their school meal without mixing with those outside their bubbles, e.g. staggered service times.
- We have daily briefings with our team to provide them with COVID-19 Government and company updates to ensure continued compliance with the latest safety advice

By sharing the changes that Stella and the team have put in place, we hope this has given you and your children confidence and reassurance in our school meal service.

We look forward to seeing you all again after the half term break. Should you have any questions or concerns please contact the school and ask to speak to Stella Dennis, our Catering Manager.