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Dear Parents/Carers,

## **School Food Waste**

From 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025, schools and other commercial premises are required to adhere to new commercial food waste legislation mandating separate food waste collections. This is part of the UK government's plan to prioritise environmental sustainability, streamline waste management processes and reduce the environmental impact of food.

Therefore, to ensure that school complies with these new rules, children on packed lunches will be required to bring any food waste home with them in their lunch boxes. This will start from **Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2025** (after half term). Many primary schools already implement this policy as it allows parent/carers to see what their child has eaten that day and allows the school to keep their food waste charges to a minimum.

If you would like your child to change their weekly dinner arrangements and start on school dinners, or vice versa, please let the school office know as soon as possible. Dinner arrangements can be changed at any time as long as at least a week's notice is given to the school office. All children should be on either school dinner or packed lunches and cannot change between during the week.

Please also be reminded that school dinners should be paid for in advance and sufficient funds should be on the ParentPay account prior to a meal being served. Dinners are charged at midnight on the day they are due to be taken and refunded once we have updated the daily attendance if your child is off school ill, on a school trip with a packed lunch, etc.

Thank you for your continued support.  
Mr. Wilkinson

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