



Dear Parent/Carer

School statement regarding water at the school

Water has always been and continues to be freely available to students of the school.

- We currently have 4 x water dispensers located in various locations across the school including the school canteen.
- Parents are encouraged to provide their child with a reusable bottle that their child can use to fill with water as required during the day.
- Disposable cups are available at the school should children not have a water bottle.
- The cups have a small price of 5p. In line with the retail world, this decision was taken not to cover the school's costs of providing the cup, but to encourage students to be responsible citizens and bring in a reusable bottle and therefore reduce waste.

The school has recently changed the structure of its lunch meal deal.

Prior to 16th April 2018 the meal deal consisted of main meal, desert and bottle of water. The meal deal cost £2.40. On the advice of our catering provider, as the school was inconsistent with other local schools, we reviewed the cost and structure of our lunch meal deal. After a thorough and considered review the decision was made to change the structure of the meal rather than increase the cost of the meal. The cost of the meal would remain at £2.40 but would no longer include a bottle of water.

The decision was made to remove the bottle of water rather than to increase the cost for the following reasons:

- save parents money
- reduce the plastic waste generated by school
- drinking water is freely available to all students of the school via 4 water dispensers across the school

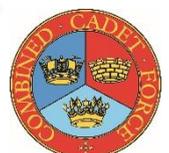
For students who are registered as free school meals and do not have a water bottle; a cup will be provided. An email was sent to all parents to notify them in advance of the changes being made.

At no time will a child ever be refused access to water. If a child does not have their water bottle, and does not have 5p for a cup; we will provide a cup to them free of charge.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss this further a member of the school's leadership team will be happy to speak with you.

Yours sincerely

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