Dear Parent, Carer or Guardian,

We are Norse Catering, your school's chosen caterer, and we are delighted to be providing students with freshly prepared, nutritious and tasty school meals. We are working closely with your school to introduce more hot dishes and variety to the lunchtime menu, especially as we approach the winter months.

Balanced nutrition is vital for children and young adult's growth, development, concentration levels and immune system so it is more important than ever before for us to share in the benefits of a school meal at lunchtime.

In this COVID-19 landscape, personal circumstances are changing, and we feel it is important to raise awareness of free school meal eligibility. Your child may be able to get free school meals if you get any of the following:

- Income Support
- income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- the guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

Visit https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals to check your eligibility.

Having a free school meal could save you over £440 a year. Your school will also receive additional funding to support your child's education including help with the cost of school trips, teaching assistant staff and after school programs (see individual schools websites).

We hope this information has been helpful and we really hope your child/children enjoy their school lunches with us.

Best wishes,
Norse Catering