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## EARLY YEARS (NURSERY & RECEPTION) SNACK

Dear parent/carers

As you know, we are continually monitoring our safety arrangements in school and adjusting these where necessary. This makes sure that our risk assessment remains robust and measures to control risk are as effective as possible.

This is the process we have followed for reintroducing hot meals and restarting breakfast club.

Following this, we will once again be providing snack for pupils in Early Years (Nursery and Reception classes) from Monday 21<sup>st</sup> September.

Snack will consist of a variety of healthy foods including fruit, cheese and crackers, breadsticks, malt loaf etc. Food will be prepared on site by staff observing appropriate hygiene measures. Staff will supervise snack time to ensure that pupils wash their hands correctly and do not share or touch other children's food.

I know that since the start of term, many parents have sent snack items into school. However, many of these are individually packaged, and often expensive, items that require further handling by adults for children to eat. This is a very time consuming process and one that increases the risk of contamination and is costly for parents/carers.

By managing the preparation and distribution of snack in school we will be able to reduce these risks while ensuring that all children continue to receive a healthy snack. Daily snack time also provides an important opportunity for children to develop their social skills and practise the hygiene routines that are an important part of their growing independence.

Snack costs £1.50 per week (30p per day) and should be paid for using the online payment system. Current parents/carers will already have received details of your unique10-digit number (beginning 2308) earlier this term. Parents of children joining Nursery or Reception this term will be provided with details next week.

Kind regards,

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