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### **Change of Catering Provider Starting January 2025**

Dear Parents/Carers,

I am writing to inform you that from January 2025, all schools within the Synergy Multi-Academy Trust will be transitioning to a new catering provider, Aspens Services. This change is part of our commitment to ensuring high-quality, nutritious meals for our children.

#### **About Aspens Services**

Aspens is a leading school catering company that focuses on providing healthy, freshly prepared meals. Their dishes are made daily using quality, seasonal and responsibly sourced ingredients. Aspens' menus include a variety of options, blending traditional favourites with exciting dishes from around the world. Their goal is to make lunchtime an enjoyable and educational experience for all children.

Aspens also enhances the dining experience by offering regular themed lunch days that align with the school calendar and seasonal food initiatives. These events create a fun and engaging atmosphere that helps children build positive memories around school meals.

#### **Meal Costs and Ordering Process**

- Cost: Meals will be priced at **£2.45** per meal.
- Ordering: The process for ordering meals will remain the same, continuing through Arbor.

We are confident that this new partnership will provide excellent value while maintaining a convenient and user-friendly ordering system for parents and carers.

#### **Special Diets and Allergy Management**

Aspens is experienced in catering for children with special dietary needs, including allergies, intolerances, and religious or cultural requirements. Their staff receive regular training in allergen management and food safety to ensure that every child's needs are met safely and effectively.

If your child has any specific dietary requirements, please inform the school office as soon as possible. This will help us work closely with Aspens to ensure your child receives appropriate and safe meal options

#### **Why Choose a School Meal?**

School meals play a vital role in supporting children's wellbeing and learning. By choosing school meals, you are giving your child access to:

- Fresh, high-quality ingredients
- Balanced nutrition to support health and development
- A variety of dishes to expand their tastes and preferences



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For more information about Aspens and their approach to school catering, please visit their website:  
[www.aspens-services.co.uk](http://www.aspens-services.co.uk)

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards,

Mr M Elcock  
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