



10th October 2019

### Lunch arrangements from 28th October 2019

Dear Parent/carer

As you are aware if your child is not entitled to free school meals you are required to top up your child's school money account with the sum of £14 each week so they can have their school lunch. Up to now the school has not allowed students to bring a packed lunch except in exceptional circumstances.

Following feedback from parents and students, we are going to trial changing this policy. After half term you will be able to request that your child brings a packed lunch to school for a half term at a time. Each half term you will need to confirm with the school whether you wish to provide your child with a packed lunch instead of them having a hot school meal.

The school will be monitoring packed lunches. They must be healthy. They must be eaten in the school dining hall. The following is acceptable:

- A sandwich or dish such as pasta/rice
- Fruit
- A snack ( 1 small bag of crisps/ a biscuit)
- Water or healthy drink

The following are not acceptable and will be confiscated if bought in to school and replaced with healthy food:

- Multi packs of anything
- Bags of sweets or large bars of chocolate
- Large bags of crisps
- Fizzy drinks
- Take away food of any description

**If you wish your child to bring a packed lunch each day to school during the half term until Christmas you need to email [admin@hackneynewschool.org](mailto:admin@hackneynewschool.org) no later than Wednesday 16th October stating your child's name, tutor group and your wish to provide them with a packed lunch.** They will be expected to bring their packed lunch each day and will not be entitled to a meal in school if there is no money on their school money account.

If you wish your child to remain taking school meals you must ensure that your child has at least £14 on their account at the beginning of each week. Students with no money on their school money accounts will not be able to access a hot school meal after half term.

Thank you for your support in ensuring students eat healthily in school.

Yours sincerely

**G Dineen**  
**MAT advisor**