



South Dartmoor Academy

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Dear parents/guardians,

Over the last few months, we have been looking to change our catering service so we can continue to improve the range and quality of food that is provided across all our schools. After consulting with a number of companies and reviewing what they could offer, I am delighted to announce that we have chosen to move all of our catering services to Chartwells from June 4th.

We were impressed by Chartwells as they were so enthusiastic about providing positive dining experiences for our children and young people and understood how to create nutritious menus to appeal to different ages. As part of the contract, Chartwells will use their fully qualified Chefs to provide training to all the staff and there will be investment from the company of almost £80,000 to improve the overall dining experience for our children/students across the Multi Academy Trust. Some of these improvements will take place after half term but the more significant work will happen during the Summer Holidays ready for the new school year.

Day to day, you should see little difference in terms of what you currently need to buy and order meals and how you use Parentpay will remain the same. Although there may be some new faces in our kitchens, these will be accompanying the existing staff, so your son/daughter will still have many staff who know them making and serving their meals. If your child has a special dietary requirement you should have already received information about this, if not, then please contact your school.

We look forward to sharing our improvements with you over the coming months and will continue to get feedback from the children/students as the changes take place. We have included a copy of the press release to provide you with a little more information and if you have any further queries please contact your school.

Yours faithfully,

Rachel Shaw

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