

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are incredibly excited that Chartwells has been chosen by Plymouth CAST, as the caterer for the school your child attends. We can't wait to get going at the start of the next academic year.

Chartwells is one of the UK's largest education sector caterers. We cultivate a love of fantastic food through exceptional catering services, brought to life by passionate, value-driven teams. Every day, we connect thousands of pupils and students across the UK to wholesome food and memorable moments, with school food catering that inspires healthy, sustainable behaviours.

We believe that the key to fuelling young minds comes from understanding both what they need and what they enjoy, which is why we develop nutritious and delicious food that pupils love, alongside helping to ensure a healthy body and mind.

We're committed to making nutritional food accessible to every pupil, which is a core value of our fantastic teams across every primary school we work in. We create menus that are delicious, seasonal, and healthy, using carefully selected ingredients that we know pupils love to reduce waste and build a more sustainable world for our future generations.

We have added new dishes to the menu, while also retaining the current dishes that the children we're serving know and love. All menus meet the nutritional guidance outlined in the School Food Standards.

Our team are at the very heart of everything we do. All current employees working in the school kitchen and catering team have been offered a role within the new contract.

Our focus is to invest in the local community and provide enriching experiences. Part of this focus sees us deliver our award-winning Beyond the Chartwells Kitchen workshops, which are focused around five core themes; Nutrition and Health, Cooking and Food, Mental Wellbeing, Sports and Exercise and Sustainability.

The safety of every child we serve is paramount. That's why we have an award-winning team of nutritionists overseeing bespoke medical diets for children with allergies. If this applies to your child, please contact Anna Jones for more information.

Considering the well documented inflationary pressures the market faces, the meal price will go from £2.30 to £2.34 in September. All children in Key Stage 1 continue to eat free under the Universal Infant Free School Meals policy, as do those eligible for free school meals.

You can learn more about Chartwells here – <https://www.chartwells.co.uk/>