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Dear Parents and Carers

Work is in progress at FCC refurbishing our dining areas as we look forward to our new catering providers Dolce starting in September. We are now ready for parents and carers to activate their SchoolGrid accounts ready for your child to take advantage of the new food offers. The Main Hall will house the Street Kitchen and the Italian Kitchen will be located in the Small Hall. The Pod will continue to serve snacks. The Wilson Building Cafe will serve hot and cold snacks, hot chocolate and slushies, and fresh coffee for 6th Form and staff. All food outlets will be open to all students. Arrangements will be in place to support our new Year 7 students.

We will no longer be using ParentPay for school dinners, instead moving to a new system called SchoolGrid which allows for instant access to funds added by parents. If you have a school dinner balance on ParentPay, our finance team will be in touch with you in September to discuss refunds.

SchoolGrid activation emails will be sent out on Thursday 14th August to the No.1 parent/carers contact that we have listed on Bromcom. Please look out for an activation email from no-reply@schoolgrid.co.uk (check junk/spam if this has not arrived in your inbox). The activations link will be live for 24 hours. Reminders will be sent out weekly from SchoolGrid to give you plenty of opportunity to activate your child's account. You can also contact SchoolGrid directly on 01506 300310 or support@schoolgrid.co.uk and they can send them a new link.

Fobs attached to lanyards will be distributed to your child in September once accounts have been activated.

Menus will be available shortly. The increasing cost of food, utilities and kitchen maintenance means that unfortunately the price for our school dinners has had to increase. The cost for a meal deal, for example, will now be £3.20. Students entitled to free school meals will be able to spend their allowance across breakfast, break or lunch if they wish. Porridge will be provided for breakfast daily at no charge.

Please note, **if you have not activated your child's account they will not be able to purchase food and will need to bring in a packed lunch.** As per the current procedure we will not be able to give students loans. If your child finds they have no funds on their account, they will need to go to the main school office who will phone home to request an account top up.

Attached is guidance from SchoolGrid and more information on what Dolce will be offering.

Jonathan Dennett
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