



**ASH LEA**

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8<sup>th</sup> October 2020

Dear Parents and carers,

We have had some guidance from the Nottinghamshire County Council with regards to our kitchen and school meals. The current pandemic means they have more restrictions on the food that they are able to order and provide to the children.

During the lockdown period we were issued a school menu with only one option, this means that other than a vegetarian option there are no other options to choose from. I have attached the menu again for you.

We do have *some* flexibility with alternatives based on dietary requirements or issues that are linked to a child's additional needs. For this we would need you to complete an EC46 with the reasons for the alternatives and what alternatives are being requested on the menu. We only have limited additional alternatives, these would be fish fingers, sausages, vegetable nuggets or Quorn sausages, chips or mash potato.

Unfortunately, if it just a case that your child doesn't like part or all of the school meal then you have the option to provide them with a packed lunch on this day.

This does NOT apply to those who have already sent in EC46 and meal choices this year. If there were any issues I have already contacted you directly.

I understand that this is not what we would normally do and have in the past accommodated where we can, unfortunately at this time that is just not an option.

If you need to advise of a change of school dinner/packed lunch pattern please email me directly on a Monday morning for the coming week. if you need an EC46 to advise of allergies or behavioral issues linked to food then please email me and I will provide these.

If you need to contact me in regards to any of the above please email [rebecca.biddles@ashlea.notts.sch.uk](mailto:rebecca.biddles@ashlea.notts.sch.uk)

Yours sincerely

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