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Dear Parent/Carer

I write with important and exciting news about upcoming changes to the school meals provision at Atlantic Academy. We are delighted to announce that we have appointed Cucina IFG as the school's new provider of school meals, beginning on 1st April 2021. Our current team of staff are looking forward to working with a new team who have a lot of experience in running school catering services.

Cucina's team of expert chefs and managers will be supporting our catering team in delivering a brand new range of appealing food and drink options. Refurbishment of the schools catering areas are a high priority.

All of our menus will continue to be fully compliant with Government regulations and Cucina IFG will ensure that all students have a popular, healthy and affordable choice every day, with options to meet the needs of all age groups within the school and those with special dietary requirements. Please see the attached brochure from Cucina for more information.

If you currently provide food from home for your child, this is the ideal time to consider a school meal as an alternative, as we think that the new menus will be popular with our students and offer you good value for money. As the current covid restrictions begin to ease, Cucina IFG are keen to explore new ways we can provide for the students.

As Cucina IFG will work with the current payment system, you will still continue to top up your child's account via Squid and the system to purchase food will remain the same.

For Primary students, due to Covid restrictions still being in place, packed lunches will continue after the Easter Break and as per the recent letter sent, please ensure that parents/carers have completed the packed lunch choices form by Wednesday 31st March 2021. We would hope to be able to take advantage of the new service for Primary students, to include the full menu, as soon guidelines allow us to.

For those students entitled to Free School Meals there will be no change to the current arrangements. If you are currently not in receipt of Free School Meals but would like to check if you are eligible, please contact Ms Z Fowler on zfowler@atlantic-aspirations.org.



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We have planned extensively for the new school meals arrangement, however, as with all major new initiatives and changes within the school, we do ask for your patience and support in making this transition as successful as possible.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Clare Butler
HR & Operations Manager