**Dear Parents/Carers**

**English Martyrs School Meals from January 2023**

Contract Catering Services like many businesses, has had to review the catering service to ensure maximum efficiencies are achieved in order that a balanced budget is delivered to the council.  English Martyrs has a low number of school meals (under 200 per day) and the labour structure is too costly for the size and needs of the service. To address this inefficiency there will be some changes to how the school meals are prepared and delivered for English Martyrs Primary School from January 2023.

The Central Production Unit (CPU) at Toby Lane provides meals to schools which have low meal numbers or limited on-site catering facilities.  It currently produces 1600 meals a day and these are delivered to schools by a team of drivers. In January hot meals will be delivered from the CPU to English Martyrs School and Kitchen Assistants (KA’s) will undertake fresh preparation of hot vegetables, cold salads, fresh fruit platter and desserts on-site as they currently do now.   There will be no Head of Kitchen based in the kitchen, but a Lead Dining Room Assistant will oversee the meal service.

We would like to assure you that there will be no detriment to the quality and freshness of the school meals served.  The CPU has an excellent reputation for the quality of its meals and also ably caters for over 80 special diets each day.  Parents are welcome to view the site if they are interested in seeing where your children’s meals are freshly cooked and transported. We are very proud of our CPU team; the setup is unique for school meal provision in London and we are very lucky to have such a large professional kitchen for our staff to work in.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards

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