

Parents/Carers



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Dear Parents/Carers

### Lunch provision from September 2018

For the past 6 years, we have been fortunate to have worked with Local Food Links, who have provided hot meals for the pupils.

This year, Local Food Links bid for, and have been awarded, the contract to provide lunches for West Dorset & Dorset schools, which has resulted in the need to move to larger premises.

Caroline Morgan of Local Food Links says:

“Whilst we have loved working from and are sad to be leaving our mini hub kitchen in Dorchester Middle School, we are absolutely thrilled that so many other schools in Dorchester and Weymouth want to work with us. We are looking forward to opening a much larger new hub kitchen in Weymouth in September and hope to continue working with DMS to provide the meals service they require.”

Kitchen staff are Local Food Links employees and will therefore move to the new hub, with Local Food Links. Unfortunately, due to the current financial constraints upon the school, we are not in a position to replace the staff, to retain the hot meals facility. From September 2018, packed lunches will be provided.

We will continue to work with Local Food Links, who will provide a delivered packed lunch service. Pupils who wish to receive a packed lunch can do so by ordering, as normal, through the local food links ordering system. Pupils who receive a lunch through the free meal arrangement will continue to do so.

Yours faithfully

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