



24 October 2024

Dear Parent/Guardian,

I am writing to make you aware of a **temporary** change that will be made in relation to our canteen provision. EA have informed us today that from **Monday 4th November** there will be **no breaktime provision** in the canteens and the **Senior School snacks balcony will be closed at both Break and lunchtime.**

The dining rooms will remain open as usual for the pupils to use during Break, and we are working hard to increase the number of vending machines, but in the meantime, pupils should bring their own food/snacks/drinks to school. Please remember when making/buying items for your daughter's break that **we are a nut-free school.**

Please note that this measure does not affect Breakfast and Lunch which will continue as usual. Senior School pupils are encouraged to use dining rooms 1 and 2 should they require a hot lunch.

You may be aware that a number of sectors across the province have experienced difficulties recruiting staff since COVID. This has affected many of our schools who have been operating with reduced staffing numbers in their canteens for some time now. It is hoped that the staffing difficulties which currently exist in many school canteens will soon be overcome.

In the meantime, your understanding and support are greatly appreciated.

Yours sincerely,

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