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## **Free School Meal Information**

Dear Families,

I would like to share some information and updates about our Free School Meal offer.

I know that so many of you are grateful for the work of Little Norfolk Kitchen at this very difficult time and have passed on your thanks. Everyone is doing their best and supporting each other makes a real difference.

From the beginning of the current lockdown, families from both schools have benefitted from food parcels from Little Norfolk Kitchen. A plan for supporting families in receipt of Free School Meals was not in place by the government at the start of this lockdown and we are grateful that Little Norfolk Kitchen could immediately provide support for families in need.

Schools receive £2.30 per meal, meaning the parcels had to be created for £11.50 each. The intention is that a family will have enough food to provide a child with a healthy lunch for 5 days of the week.

Little Norfolk Kitchen have not been running this service for profit, but to support their community and stay true to their values of providing high quality, locally produced, healthy food. At no extra cost, Little Norfolk Kitchen have delivered the parcels direct to the door of each family every Sunday. This has been hugely appreciated by several families, not least those who are shielding or cannot leave their homes for other reasons.

This week, the government has provided information to schools that states schools will be able to claim for additional costs for providing meals and offered a voucher scheme where schools need this option. We are pleased to share that the additional government input means we are able to increase the value of the food parcels from next week to £3 per day. The Federation of Spixworth Schools fully supports the values of Little Norfolk Kitchen and so will be continuing with the food parcels.

Please be mindful of social media stories in relation to food parcels, many have not been quite what they seemed, including images reportedly comparing a parcel with a voucher shop. The voucher shop was however purchased for two weeks, so £30 worth of food. Some companies have rightly been asked to improve their offer. The Federation of Spixworth Schools are confident that the parcels from Little Norfolk Kitchen offer value and quality and provide for the needs of a child's lunch to a high standard.





















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Little Norfolk Kitchen are able to meet special dietary requirements. If your child has dietary needs, please ensure the school has the most up to date information.

Individual food preferences will not normally be catered for. This does keep costs down which means the content is higher but also encourages children to try foods. It has been lovely to hear how some families have used the food to have fun and learn together. Ideas for making edible hedgehogs, jacket potato mice, fruit faces and using cookie cutters to design fancy sandwiches are below! Children will often eat a wider range of foods if they have helped to make it or if it looks exciting. If there is an item that your child will not eat, please enjoy the item yourself and swap in an alternative from your lunch.

Little Norfolk Kitchen are aiming to increase the variety of the food provided each week and welcome feedback. Please can I ask that this feedback is directed through the school office email addresses.

Kind regards Ms Jordan Executive Headteacher



Jacket potato mice



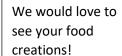
Edible hedgehogs



Cookie cutter sandwiches



Fruit and veg faces



You can upload a picture to Tapestry or Google Classroom.

















