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Dear Parents/Carers,

From September 2026, we will be introducing a fourth main meal option for all children from EYFS to Year 6.

Children will be able to choose from one of the following meal options:

- **Option 1** – Main Meal
- **Option 2** – Vegetarian Meal
- **Option 3** – Jacket Potato* (various fillings)
- **Option 4** – Sandwich* (various fillings)

**All jacket potatoes and sandwiches will be served with cucumber, carrot sticks, lettuce, and tomatoes.*

If your child chooses the sandwich option, they will also be able to select one of the available pudding options. Please note that if your child orders a sandwich, they must not bring an additional packed lunch or extra snacks to eat at lunchtime.

If you would prefer to provide your child with a packed lunch, please do not order a school meal, as children will not be able to have both a school meal and a packed lunch.

All children (EYFS to Year 6) will continue to have a choice of three pudding options:

- **Option 1** – Main Pudding
- **Option 2** – Fresh Fruit
- **Option 3** – Müller Yoghurt

If your child will be bringing a packed lunch every day, there is an option on the menu to indicate this. We kindly ask all parents/carers to complete this section.

For children in Years 3 to 6 who are not eligible for Free School Meals (FSM), the meal price from September will be **£2.65 per meal**.

Our ordering system will remain the same, with UI/FSM menus being sent via Parent Hub before the start of each term, and Years 3 to 6 (non-FSM) menus being sent every two weeks.

As there will be more meal options available, we ask that parents/carers complete the menu selections with their child and make a note of the meals ordered and the days selected. This will help us reduce food waste.

The menu for September to October will be sent out on Parent Hub tonight at 5.30pm so please keep an eye out for this.

If you have any questions, please contact the school office at primaryschool@alford.lincs.sch.uk.

Changes to Free School Meal Eligibility

Due to changes in the eligibility criteria for Free School Meals (FSM), parents/carers of children in Years 3–6 should be aware that if their child's FSM eligibility is withdrawn, they will be required to pay for any school hot dinners ordered for the remainder of the term. Alternatively, parents/carers may choose to provide a packed lunch from home for the remainder of the term.

Kind regards,

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