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Dear parents and carers,

I hope that you and your families are well. It has been fantastic to have students back in school over the last fortnight, and as we approach the Easter break, I wanted to update you about our new gate and our change in catering supplier.

Gate

Our new gate system is now fully installed and will be operational from Monday 22nd March. This will further improve the security of our site during the school day. Beyond this increased security, there will be little change from a student and parent perspective. The gate will be open in the morning for vehicles and pedestrians until the start of the school day at 8.40am. After this point anyone arriving onto the school site will need to use the intercom system to be allowed entry, this applies to both vehicles and pedestrians.

At the end of the school day the gates will automatically open to let students leave school safely, whether on foot or on a bike. Please can I ask that all parents and carers continue to not enter the school in a vehicle as students are leaving. Those with existing arranged collections, such as taxis, will continue to be allowed access to the front of school. The gates will then remain open until 5pm to let students safely depart from after school activities. It may take a little time to adjust to these new arrangements, but we are confident the school community will quickly get used to using the gates. I appreciate your patience with any teething issues in the next few weeks.

Catering

As you may be aware, we are moving to a new catering supplier after Easter. This is an exciting move for Fitzharrys, and preparations are already underway. We will be using the Abingdon Learning Trust catering team, and they have begun working with our student voices committees for each year group to discuss how the catering can be improved from the start of term 5.

As part of the transition there will be ongoing work on the kitchen areas, alongside staff training and induction before the Easter Break. Therefore, we will be reducing the food on offer in school over the last 8 days of term with no hot food being available for this short period of time. Food will continue to be available in the different bubble serving areas, with a reduced menu consisting of sandwiches, baguettes, cold pasta pots, fruit and bakes, alongside cold drinks.

I apologise for any inconvenience this may cause; however, it is essential that our new catering team have time to prepare for the exciting changes ahead, including the cashless payment and new menu. We will be sending more details of these changes next week. As ever, thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

Will Speke
Head of School



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