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Dear Parent/Carer

Catering at The Bulwell Academy

I write to inform you of an exciting development regarding catering and the provision of school meals for our pupils.

Currently, you will know we use an external provider, Aspens, to provide our school catering, and as their contract has now come to an end, Creative Education Trust has taken the opportunity to review the contract and tender new catering providers.

Following a robust process, we are delighted to announce a new provider, '**Caterlink**' who will begin to serve food to our pupils from September 2024.

Caterlink is a nationally recognised provider of school meals, and we believe they will meet our priorities to provide good value, varied and healthy meals. They are education catering specialists, meaning that they focus solely on primary, secondary, academy and college clients. Healthy eating is at the very heart of their approach to food. They wholeheartedly encourage balanced diets within their dining rooms and significantly invest in training their catering teams. Their policy of purchasing a range of seasonal produce from local and regional suppliers enables them to deliver exceptional value.

Our commitment is to provide high quality nutritional food, which is consistently served, competitively priced throughout all schools in the Trust, a revised offer for all pupils to receive a free breakfast and a new cashless system which has been designed, so that we can support more pupils to eat healthily and enjoy our new offer.

Additionally, Caterlink has committed to work with our pupils, to receive feedback about the food and making changes to menus as appropriate.

We welcome Caterlink as a Trust partner and provider of school meals throughout our academies, primary and secondary schools and we will be sharing more information in the very near future, including menus, breakfast and break time offers together with pricing.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Chris Keen'.

Chris Keen
Executive Principal