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Dear Parents and Carers,

We would like to remind families of the importance of safely storing food brought into school, particularly cooked foods included in packed lunches. Cooked food that is stored at room temperature or mixed with other foods in lunchboxes can create conditions where harmful bacteria may grow, increasing the risk of food poisoning and illness.

It is the responsibility of parents and carers to ensure that all food sent into school is stored safely and at the correct temperature. Where necessary, please use insulated lunch boxes, cool packs, or ice packs to keep food cool until it is eaten. This is especially important for cooked meals, meat, dairy products, and foods that are part of a restricted or specialist diet.

If our kitchen staff feel that food brought into school may be unsafe due to being stored in warm or unsuitable conditions, you may receive a phone call to inform you that your child was unable to access their dinner and to request that an alternative meal be brought in that day. This may be more likely where a child has dietary restrictions and a suitable safe alternative is not available on the day.

Please be assured that any such decision is made in the best interests of your child's health and wellbeing. We appreciate your cooperation in helping us keep all pupils safe and well.

Thank you for your understanding and support.

Yours sincerely,



Laura Watton
(Headteacher)