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Dear Parent,

We are writing to provide information about the Chartwells nut policy and to let you know about a small update to the lunch menu being served at your child's school.

Under Chartwells nut policy, we will never use nuts or any product containing nuts as an ingredient within our food offer. We may carefully use products with a 'may contain' declaration for nuts as long as no nuts are present in the ingredient list. Such items will be treated as 'contains' nuts to reduce risk to our nut allergy pupils.

Your child's school, however, has a **nut free policy** meaning that products with a 'contains' declaration for nuts cannot be used in any of our recipes. The supplier that provide our dumplings, used in the 'minced beef stew with dumplings' recipe has recently conducted a review of their processes and have updated the allergen declaration on the dumplings to state 'may contain nuts'. Whilst the ingredients and manufacturing processes have not changed, we are required to make an update to the recipe to remove this item in light of the updated nut risk. We will be replacing the dumpling with a plain, unsweetened scone. This product has been chosen as the most like-for-like alternative to the dumpling and should not substantially affect the delicious flavour of this dish or the nutritional composition.

Please be assured that we take allergen management very seriously at Chartwells and will do all we can to ensure your child can enjoy eating safely with us, but if you require any further clarity please do not hesitate to get in touch with our special diets team at Chartwells.specialdiets@compass-group.co.uk.

Yours sincerely,

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