



RIVERSIDE SCHOOL

Excellence for All on Barking Riverside

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Dear School Council,

Thank you for meeting me yesterday so that we could discuss some of your questions. This is a brief outline of the questions that we discussed:

Q: Shortage of forks during dinner service.

A: I am still awaiting for a delivery of the remaining forks from Langford, I have been in contact with catering and they are chasing Langford but in the meantime I have had delivered some plastic forks. These were available at service yesterday, but also students are throwing the metal knives forks and spoons into the bins inside the dinner area and also outside.

Q: Variety of foods on offer at service.

A: Riverside has on offer the majority of the concept 2 menu. This menu is on offer at all secondary schools within Barking & Dagenham this menu has been designed by students across the borough with what they would like to see in their schools. There will be a new menu coming out called the concept 3 this a present is being run at Warren Comprehensive school on a trial basis.

Q: Portion Sizes

A: We are governed by how much protein, carbs, sugars, fats and salt we are allowed in our diets and as a borough we have to work to those guidelines to produce a healthy balance diet.

Q: Change of selection of desserts.

A: I am now producing new desserts. A new chocolate brownie which has a magic ingredient of beetroot incorporated and taste fab was available at today's service. A banana and apple flap jack which will be on offer for tomorrow's service, as well as a Farmhouse slice and a Banana loaf.

Q: A girl has said that when she comes into the dining room she is always asked if she is Halal.

A: The reason for this is when student who are Halal come to the till the correct information is put into the computer and their parents can see that. The parents do have the option to enter this data into the parentpay account so then that info will appear at our tills, stopping the question at the tills.

Yours sincerely

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