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Dear Parents/Carers,

I am writing to inform you about the new online system for ordering and paying for school dinners. At the moment, we can only offer the packed lunch option but we are hoping to have hot dinners by the beginning of term 2. Packed lunches can be ordered now for next week (the week beginning Monday, September 14th 2020).

Please ignore the selection of packed lunches advertised on the daily menu as the kitchen will only be able to offer cheese, ham or tuna in a baguette, sandwich or wrap along with veg sticks, a fruit pot and a cake or biscuit. The children will be able to choose their preferred filling in the morning. On Mondays, the kitchen will provide baguettes, Tuesday – sandwiches, Wednesdays – wraps, Thursdays – baguettes and Fridays – sandwiches.

School Dinners

From this term, anyone who would like a school dinner will need to book online using the CH & Co Education system here: <https://chandco.myschoolmealorders.com>

CH & Co have the catering contract for Barham CE School and the cost of a school dinner for the academic year 2020/21 is **£2.30** per meal.

To book school dinners you will first need to go to the above website and register. You will then be sent an email to activate your account. Once you have done this, you can add your children and begin ordering. Using the system, you will be able to see the lunch menu, order or cancel meals and pay for them.

The school cannot accept any cash payments on behalf of CH & Co. All payments must be paid electronically, in advance.

School Dinners for Year R, Year 1, Year 2

All meals for KS1 & reception pupils (Year R, Year 1 and Year 2) are government funded as **Universal Free School Meals** and do not require payment, however, you still need to register and order your child's school dinners in advance.

Free School Meals

Families who receive certain benefits are eligible for **Free School Meals** for their children. Registering for means tested Free School Meals could raise an extra **£1,320** for our school to fund valuable support like extra tuition, your child's extra-curricular activities and school trips. If you are not sure whether you qualify for Free School Meals but would like us to check, please contact Mrs King: finance@barham.kent.sch.uk As before, you still need to register and order meals in advance if your child is eligible for Free School Meals.



Some schools have reported a few teething problems with the system and CH & Co are working hard to sort out any glitches. We are aware that a few children in Year 6 were placed in Year 5 but are hoping that this has now been resolved. Please check Year 5, however, if your child's name is not recognised in Year 6.

If you have any issues, please contact the school office so that we can pass it on to the company.

Please read the attached documents which give further information about CH & Co.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Al Higgins". The signature is written in a cursive style and is contained within a light blue rectangular box.

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