



Important Update on School Meals – January 2025

As we near the Christmas holidays I wanted to give some important updates regarding school meals for January 2025 and highlight key changes.

Thank you to everyone who completed the survey. Your responses have been helpful as we look to review the menu ahead of the Spring Term.

Overall, the response to the school meals has been really positive, with 80% of parents saying they are satisfied with the provision.

We have tried to accommodate as many of the comments and suggestions as possible and you will notice from January that these include:

- A **4-week menu cycle** to provide greater variety.
- An **increase in vegan options** available each week.
- An increase in the **Allergen free range**.
- Equal spread of popular meals across the week.

In terms of desserts, 96% of parents across the Island said they did not want the dessert option removed and were in favour of keeping a daily dessert option for parents to choose.

That being said, there was a large amount of support for continuously reviewing the dessert options, as well as the inclusion of fresh fruit. We are currently reviewing desserts with our commitment being to continue providing healthy, environmentally friendly, and nutritious meals for all children.

To accommodate December orders, we will continue with the current menu for the first two weeks of January. The new menu will be introduced in the third week of the term. The new menu will go live on Parent Pay by 09 December 2024.

- **Week commencing 6 January:** November Menu – Week One
- **Week commencing 13 January:** November Menu – Week Two
- **Week commencing 20 January:** New Menu – Week One

We will be seeking to evaluate the current provision early in 2024 and would encourage as many people as possible to take part in this process. A parental survey and school engagement will support this and we look forward to hearing your views.

CYPES has been running a pilot free fruit programme for a number of schools, next year this will be expanded and rolled out universally. This initiative is part of our broader effort to increase intake of fresh fruit and vegetables and we hope will continue to encourage the development of healthy eating habits. We will share further updates as this process develops.

Below are some resources should you have any questions, alternatively please contact schoolmeals@gov.je

[Link to Nutri Data App](#)

[Online Parent Guide](#)