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## Market Rasen Church of England Primary School (VC)

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Monday 7 December 2015

Dear Parents

Thank you to those of you who attended the new menu consultations or sent back the consultation form. Every form has been reviewed and we are pleased with the positive feedback we have had about the food, the service and the new menus. There were of course some areas for development suggested by parents which I have listed below with our response.

Children do not have enough time to eat. <b>(Market Rasen Site only)</b>	Children in Reception, Year One and Year Two can stay in the hall for 50 minutes so they should have more than enough time to eat. Children in Key Stage Two usually have 30 minutes but have 25 minutes at the very least. Children who have not finished are able to stop behind for a short time. KS2 Children who are slow eaters are often brought in early so they will finish. If you would like us to bring in your KS2 child early please let the office know.
Some children do not like the yoghurts we provide.	We are going to do a blind taste test with a number of the children with a variety of brands so we can ensure that we purchase the one that majority of children like. We will ensure children know if the yogurt "has bits" in, in case they would like to avoid that type.
Not sure about chicken biryani or chilli; maybe to adventurous.	The meals will be cooked with children in mind. Please attend our tasting event (see below) to see if your child would like it. If not there is always a second option.
Can we have a proper pudding every day?	We have to follow guidelines about what we offer the children. We do think we can add on another "proper" pudding to the menu we consulted on. We are confirming this with the Children's Food Trust.
Can we have more veg options and more choice of veg?	We agree. Each day your child will be now offered two vegetables. They will be separate on the plate as some children tell us they don't like the vegetables to be mixed as it was with our previous meal provider. We are going to bring in some vegetables that parents in the consultations asked us to provide including broccoli and cabbage.
There is not enough fruit.	Fruit is unlimited for the children! Encourage your child to come and ask for more if they would like more.
The descriptions of food on the new menu are not clear.	When the menu is confirmed we will outline exactly what is in each meal. We will also publish the allergy list on the school website.
Portion size is too small	We are given guidance to the gram as to how much food to serve your child and we follow this exactly. This is set by the Children's Food Trust. Remember your child has a main course, pudding, bread and unlimited salad and fruit so they will always have enough to eat.
Cannot change the Wisepay menu once ordered.	We will work with the programmers at Wisepay to resolve this.

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We would like to invite you to a tasting event to try some of the dishes on our new menu, to see the quality of the food we serve your children and get the chance to speak to our Kitchen Supervisor, Emma Barnes, about the menu.

If you would like to attend the food tasting session please complete and return the form below by Wednesday 9 December 2015 to the school office.

Yours sincerely

Andrew Smith

Executive Head teacher

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Market Rasen Food Tasting Session

Name:

Childs Name:

Child's Class:

I am able to attend the Market Rasen Tasting Session: 2.30 on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December.

Signed .....

Date .....

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