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Dear Parents and Carers,

The Discovery School Food Policy

You may recall that a while ago, we sent out a questionnaire to parents asking for feedback for the new School Food Policy. This was due to be re-written in light of new government recommendations and other requirements. We also met with the Parent Partnership to gain feedback on parental views about the type of information that would be helpful to include in the new policy.

Having considered all of the feedback, the new school policy has now been agreed by the Governing Body, ready for implementation from September 2024.

The key feedback from parents was related to:

- Stopping the practice of sending birthday treats into school; mainly due to costs and the increasingly large and varied amount of food allergies we have to manage in school
- More guidance on our Nut Free Policy
- More guidance on what can and cannot be included in a school packed lunch

All of these issues were carefully considered and have been included in the new school policy. Within the document is more guidance on our Nut-free policy, as well as recommendations for school packed lunches. We have also agreed with feedback from parents, and from September, the practice of sending sweets into school for birthdays will stop. We will of course ensure that we continue to mark children's birthdays in school, but any sweets or other food treats sent into school will be respectfully returned home. This is primarily to ensure that we keep our children with allergies safe and equally, do not cause them distress because they have to left out when sweets are distributed.

Attached to this email is a copy of the new Food Policy; a copy will also be placed on the School's website:

<https://www.discovery.kent.sch.uk/about-us/policies/>





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Whilst the Policy has been agreed by the Governing Body, policies are always kept under review, so please do get in touch if you have any further comments.

With kind regards,

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