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Dear Parents and Carers,

Subject: Important Notice – Changes to Milk Provision from September 2025

We are writing to inform you that from **September 2025**, the school will no longer be providing milk for children aged five and over via the Cool Milk scheme.

Children who are in our EYFS unit and are under the age of five will continue to be provided milk via the Cool Milk scheme, funded by the government. No action is needed for these families, and this provision will continue as usual.

We are fully supportive of the Government's position that milk should be available to children during the school day. Milk is vitally important to children's bone and dental health, as well as their overall growth and development.

To ensure continued access, milk will be made available in the dining room at lunchtime alongside water, and will be free of charge to all children.

The decision to cease provision for children aged five and over via Cool Milk has not been taken lightly. The reason behind this decision is threefold:

1. **Significant Waste** – A large quantity of milk is being ordered but not consumed, resulting in substantial daily waste.
2. **Environmental Impact** – Each portion of milk is delivered in an individual carton, and the amount of unused milk and packaging being discarded has a negative environmental impact.
3. **Cost Considerations** – The combined cost of milk that goes undrunk and the associated waste collection has made this method of provision financially unsustainable.

This change will allow us to reduce waste and cost, while still ensuring that every child has the opportunity to benefit from milk if they choose to.

We appreciate your understanding and support as we work to provide a more sustainable and health-focused approach for our pupils. If you have any questions or would like further information, please contact the school office.

Kind regards,
The ASPS Team