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Dear parents and carers,

I hope this letter finds you well, I write to inform you about an important update regarding catering services for all the schools in the Rise Multi Academy Trust. After careful consideration and review, we went through a procurement tender process with the DfE 'Get Help Buying for Schools' team to invite school catering companies, as well as our existing suppliers to bid for the catering contract for all our schools. The decision to run a catering tender was not made lightly, our primary goal is to ensure that we provide the highest quality and most nutritious meals for all our pupils. With the support of the DfE team we have thoroughly evaluated the catering companies that submitted bids, and we are delighted to inform you that Relish have won the contract and will be our new catering supplier for next academic year. To find out more about Relish please visit their website <https://relishschoolfood.co.uk/>.

We understand that changes can sometimes be challenging, and we want to assure you that we are committed to making this transition as smooth as possible. Our current catering supplier will continue to provide meals until the end of this academic year, and Relish will begin service on the first day back after the summer break.

We are excited to commence our journey with Relish, there will be opportunities for pupils and parents to get involved and develop what meals are served in each of our schools. We are confident that this change will bring a positive improvement to our schools' meal programme. Please refer to the separate information from Relish for details on meals and ordering systems.

Thank you for your understanding and support as we strive to provide the best possible dining experience for our pupils.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Keri Harvey". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

Keri Harvey  
Director of Operations