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Dear Parent/Carer,

We have been informed by the Education Authority Catering Service that there is a possibility we will be unable to serve meals to our paying pupils the week of the 20th of February, and possibly the week of the 26th of February. We have been told this is due to a severe shortage of staff within the catering service.

Children who are entitled to receive free school meals **will not** be impacted. They will still receive a hot meal which will be delivered to St Patrick's from another local school kitchen. Children who normally pay for a school dinner will have to take their own packed lunch to school on these days.

We are not happy with this arrangement, and hope it does not happen, as we have a very high percentage of pupils, between 65-75%, who take a school meal here in St Patricks. *Unfortunately, the school has no say over the catering service or the decisions they make.*

If you wish to contact the Education Authority Catering service in Armagh in regard to this arrangement, please email them at:

schoolmealsinfo@eani.org.uk

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