

Headlines and key items discussed and agreed at ESCC Management Group meeting 25 May 2021

This is an informative for all schools who buy into the school meals contract with Harrison Catering via the Ealing Schools Catering Consortium. It is intended to provide all consortium members with the headlines and key items discussed and agreed at the ESCC Management Group meeting which took place on 25th May 2021.

Pupil Credit & Debt

- Harrison to assist with refunding parents with credit balances for year 6 pupils.
- Harrison ops team are continuing to contact parents to recover debt payments to get the overall level of debt as low as possible before the end of the current catering contract.

TUPE

- A letter has been sent to all staff and the first group consultation was on 24th May. The second group consultation is diarised and 1:1s are to commence in June. There is a big get together in August which will provide training for all staff transferring across to ISS.
- As part of the transfer of staff from Harrison to ISS, the pay cycle will change from monthly to fortnightly. ISS have offered staff support with finances in adjusting pay days.

ISS Update

- ISS are meeting weekly to discuss the mobilisation of the contract. ISS and LBE are meeting fortnightly to discuss actions and RAG status. RAG status is being tracked and everything is on track presently.
- ISS menus have been sent out for September and any changes can be made in the Autumn Term. Details will be expanded upon in the next newsletter to schools.
- Some schools have expressed concern about the amount of workload which has come out of the special diets process. The special diets process must be robust to ensure the safety of the pupils and the information has to be set up once for commencement of the new contract.
- A Bluerunner training session with schools admin staff and business managers is to be arranged for the first couple of weeks back after half term.