

Safe Provision of Canteen Facilities in Middleton CBS.

Midleton CBS will continue to offer restricted canteen facilities under the following conditions:

A limited Hot Food menu and cold food Sandwich/Rolls menu will be provided as part of a new pre-paid only collection service.

Various Snack Food & Beverage items will also be available for collection as part of the service. The canteen will have a separate entrance and exit introduced to maximise the safety and efficiency of the food collection & seating service being initiated.

Before School: Breakfast will be offered from a limited menu. This does not require a pre-order.

Morning & Lunch breaks: The canteen service is strictly for pre-paid orders ONLY. Orders must be made on specific **“Canteen Order Forms”** and placed with the canteen staff before 8.45am each day, no exceptions. **All orders will then be prepared, packaged and ready for collection at the breaks.**

Collection Points: For safety reasons, collection of Hot & Cold Food & Beverages will be from separate designated areas of the Canteen. A new colour coded queuing system of Red = Hot Food & Blue = Cold items will be introduced. Two single-file queues with adequate spacing will be arranged to maximise the efficiency of the food delivery/ collection system in compliance with public health guidelines. This will ensure that the canteen collection service will run promptly and safely without congestion or restriction in the limited time available for morning & lunch breaks.

Seating Capacity: Due to of Covid-19 restrictions the seating capacity of the canteen will be greatly reduced. The canteen will be divided into **“Seating Pods”** placed 2 meters apart and clearly designated by floor markings and table signage. There will be 14 x Senior School and 14 x Junior School segregated Pods situated on opposite sides of the canteen. **No more than 4 students may gather at any single Pod.**

A ONE-WAY ONLY walkway will operate on the centre isle of the canteen. The canteen facility can only be used for food consumption; it cannot act as a social / congregating area. The regulations regarding use of the canteen must be strictly adhered to in the interests of the health & safety of everybody within the school community.

All canteen table surfaces and chairs will be cleaned and sanitised after use to maintain health and hygiene standards and to reduce the possible spread of Covid-19. Every space in every Pod must be kept as clean & tidy as possible by the occupier during and after use. All waste must be placed in appropriate bins by each student once they have finished using the Pod space.

Failure to comply with any of the canteen regulations will result in the use of the facility being withdrawn from a student due to public health risk. Widespread non-compliance may result in the closure of the canteen facility due to health & safety concerns. **Therefore, it is in everybody’s interest to comply with all of the canteen regulations for the benefit of the whole school community.**

To avoid congregating and unnecessary congestion within the confines of the canteen area, students are encouraged to disperse to their **“Designated Break & Lunchtime Zones”** as much as possible. These Zones are located on various floors throughout the school building. Students are encouraged to eat outside of the canteen area when possible. Students should avail of outdoor facilities at break times to maximise fresh air opportunities, maintain good health and limit the spread of Covid-19.