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5th March 2023

Dear Parent/Carer,

Changes to the cost of school meals – From 15th April 2024

It was a year ago when we were last in a place where we needed to increase meal prices, by 5p per day. Unfortunately in the face of ongoing challenges with school meals these will be rising again from **£2.55 to £2.65 each day from the beginning of the Summer Term, 15th April 2024**. This will see an increase on the weekly cost of meals of 50p to £13.25.

In seeking to avoid a more significant rise we are moving forward with new school caterers, Cleverchefs, who were successful in winning the school's catering contract, not just based upon price, but on quality and service too.

Cleverchefs are independent caterers based in the South West who focus upon creating high quality meals for children in schools– they use 95% fresh produce which is an indicator of their commitment to providing fresh and healthy options for all. Please feel free to check out their website www.cleverchefs.co.uk/primary-schools.

You will find the new Cleverchefs menu attached to this letter – be assured that this has been developed in consultation with us in school so we can make sure the meals are going to be enjoyed by our children. You can expect to be hearing from us shortly if your child has allergies as we will be making sure that their needs are catered for under this new contract.

Our kitchen team will be staying the same in spite of this change behind the scenes. We continue to be proud of the commitment and dedication shown by our chef Fiona and her team in the kitchen and that's not going to change.

Meal payments will continue to be made in the same way as normal, via the School Gateway. Thank-you for paying for these in advance as we can no longer accept payments after meals have been taken.

This seems like a good time to mention that we are always ready to explore whether families qualify for free school meals. Please don't feel that you are wasting our time, just get in touch with us if you'd like us to make the necessary checks on your behalf.

Should you have any concerns about this price rise please get in touch with us.

Yours sincerely,

Scott Hampton
Head Teacher