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2nd February 2023

Dear Parent/Carer,

Changes to the cost of school meals – From 17th April 2023

Sadly, as a result of ongoing challenges around school budgets along with a forthcoming increase in the price that we will be charged for school meals in the near future, we have this week been forced to review the amount we are charging those parents who pay for school meals for their children.

It was a year ago when we were last in a place where we needed to increase meal prices, by 5p per day. Unfortunately we have recently learned that our meal providers, Chartwells, are increasing meal prices to school from 1st April 2023.

With this in mind, we will be increasing the cost of children's daily school meals from **£2.45 to £2.55 each day from the beginning of the Summer Term, 17th April 2023**. This will see an increase on the weekly cost of meals of 50p to £12.75.

There is never a good time to share this sort of news, but in seeking to reassure you we'd want you know that we are not planning another review of prices for at least a year.

We continue to be proud of the commitment and dedication shown by our chef Fiona and her team in the kitchen. They produce good quality meals, made fresh on site. They work closely with us to offer a menu that appeals well to children, at the same time ensuring they receive the nutrition that they need.

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
Acting Head Teacher