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15<sup>th</sup> March 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

### **Changes to the cost of school meals – From 19<sup>th</sup> April 2021**

Sadly, as a result of tightening school budgets over recent times and into the future, we have this week been forced to review the amount we are charging those parents who pay for school meals for their children.

We were due to review and increase prices a year ago but resisted this given the circumstances that everyone was facing at the time. Whilst we recognise that the situation has not moved on as we'd have hoped, we are sadly unable to maintain prices at their current level.

With this in mind, we will be increasing the cost of children's daily school meals from **£2.30 to £2.40 each day from the beginning of the Summer Term**. This will see an increase on the weekly cost of meals of 50p to £12.00.

There is never a good time to share this sort of news, but in seeking to reassure we'd want you know that we are not planning another review of prices for at least a year. So we can guarantee no further changes until at least April 2022.

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, made fresh on site, meals and offer a menu that appeals well to children, at the same time as 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. Of course we are always ready to explore whether families qualify for free school meals – 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  
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