



Dear Parents & Carers

**Increase in cost of school meals – September 2026**

I hope you are keeping well and looking forward to the summer break.

I am writing to let you know that from 1<sup>st</sup> September 2026 the price of school meals will increase to £3.15 per meal.

The Government have pledged continued support for the Universal Infant Free School meals scheme, and this means that all the children from Reception to Year 2 will continue to be entitled to free meals. If you pay for school meals for pupils Year 3 and above using the online payment system, the system will be updated, and you will be charged accordingly.

The government recently announced a significant change to free school meal eligibility. From September 2026 all households receiving Universal Credit will qualify for free school meals. If you are unsure about your eligibility for free school meals, please speak to the School Office team who will be happy to assist you.

If your family is entitled to free school meals but you have previously chosen not to make an application, we would like to invite your child to try school lunches. There are several benefits in taking school meals, including saving time and money, and having the peace of mind that your child will receive a warm, balanced meal each day at school.

Thank you for your continued understanding and support

Yours sincerely

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L Beavis  
Head of Finance