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Dear Parents and Carers,

Re: School Meal Price Increase from September 2026

I am writing to inform you of a change to the cost of school meals, which will come into effect from the start of the new academic year in September 2026.

Over the past two years, we have worked hard to keep the price of school meals at £2.50, despite significant increases in the cost of food, staffing, and other essential services. Like many families, schools have experienced rising costs across a wide range of goods and services. Until now, we have absorbed these increases and have not passed them on to our families.

However, to ensure that we can continue to provide high-quality, nutritious meals for our pupils, it has become necessary to adjust our pricing. From September 2026, the cost of a school meal will increase to £2.80 per meal.

This has not been a decision we have taken lightly. We understand that any increase in costs can have an impact on family budgets, and we have delayed this change for as long as possible. Unfortunately, in order to cover our rising costs and maintain the standards we are proud of, this step is now unavoidable.

We remain committed to offering healthy, balanced meals that support children's wellbeing and learning throughout the school day. We hope that you will continue to support our school meal provision.

If your circumstances have changed and you believe your child may now be eligible for free school meals, we strongly encourage you to apply. Further information is available via the school office or our website.

Thank you for your understanding and continued support.

Yours sincerely

Mr Michael Dillon, Headteacher
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