

21<sup>st</sup> March 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

### School Meal Price Review

I hope this letter finds you well. I am writing to inform you about an important update regarding our school meal service.

Following a thorough review of our catering finances, we have found it necessary to adjust our meal prices. Despite managing our finances very well, as confirmed by our Finance Manager, we are still working to reduce the deficit that we inherited. While we have made significant progress in shrinking this deficit, we remain some distance from fully clearing it.

This matter was discussed in detail during our recent Governors' meeting, where it was unanimously agreed that meal prices will increase to £3.00 per meal for KS2 children, effective after the Easter Holidays. Reception and KS1 children will continue to receive Universal Infant Free School Meals.

I would like to take this opportunity to highlight some positive aspects of our school meals. Our school caterer continues to provide nutritious, balanced meals using fresh ingredients. We maintain our commitment to offering a varied menu that caters to different dietary requirements while ensuring children receive the energy and nutrients they need for learning. The feedback from pupils has been consistently positive, particularly regarding the popular themed days and special menu options that are regularly offered.

We understand that any price increase may impact family budgets and this decision was not taken lightly. If you have any concerns about this change or would like information about means tested free school meal eligibility, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

Thank you for your continued support and understanding.

Yours sincerely,



Mrs. Reynecke-Raybould

Headteacher