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Dear Parents/Guardians

Meal Pricing Update

You may be aware that the price of our school meals has been £2.50 for the last few years.

To ensure we can continue to provide the high-quality ingredients, fresh preparation, and excellent service that our pupils deserve, there will be a modest adjustment to the meal price. We understand that any increase in expenses can be a concern for families, and we want to assure you that this decision has been made after careful consideration and a thorough review of operating costs.

From March 2026, the price for a school meal will be changing to £2.65.

Benefits of School Meals:

Choosing school meals offers numerous advantages beyond just a delicious plate of food:

- **Improved Attainment:** Research shows that children who eat nutritious school meals often have better concentration and academic performance.
- **Time-Saving for Parents/Guardians:** No more packing lunchboxes each morning, freeing up valuable time for busy families.
- **Healthy Habits:** School meals provide a balanced diet, introducing children to a variety of foods and encouraging healthy eating habits from a young age.
- **Social Development:** Eating together with friends promotes social skills, independence, and a sense of community.

As a school, we want to ensure every eligible child receives a healthy and nutritious meal.

Universal Infant Free School Meals (UIFSM)

If your child is in Reception, Year 1, or Year 2, they will automatically receive a free school meal every day as part of the Government's Universal Infant Free School Meals (UIFSM) commitment. This is a fantastic benefit for all our younger pupils!





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Free School Meal Eligibility (for older pupils or those not covered by UIFSM):

Your child(ren) may be eligible for Free School Meals if you receive any of the following:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you are not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190, as assessed by HMRC)

● Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)

● Universal Credit (if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 and your household income is less than £7,400 a year after tax and not including benefits).

Registering for Free School Meals is a Quick and Easy Process:

You can apply online by visiting: <https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals>.

If you are unable to complete the form online, please visit the school office, and a member of our office team will provide you with the necessary support. Please be assured that your application will be treated with the utmost confidentiality, and applying will not affect any other benefits you may be receiving.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

