



Dear Parents/Carers,

RE:-School Meal Price Increases from 1st September, 2025

The school uses the services of City Catering to ensure a nutritious lunch is provided for all children who wish to take it. Due to circumstances beyond the schools control the council have notified us today, that they are implementing the increased meal charges from **1st September, 2025**. Due to the increase in charges to the school for the meals we have no option but to increase the meal cost. Currently meal charges are £3.17 per day, £15.85 per week. As of **1st September, 2025**, meal charges will increase to **£3.35 per day, £16.75 per week**.

If you think you may be entitled to Free School Meals (FSM) as a result of the benefits you receive, please contact the school office immediately for an application form. In order to be eligible for FSM you must be in receipt of one 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 Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit – provided you have an annual net income of no more than £7,400 as assessed by earnings from up to 3 of the most recent assessment periods (not including any benefits you get)

If you have any further queries, please contact the school office on 01782 234440.

Yours Sincerely,

Mrs E Searl
(Chief Finance Officer)