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Dear Parents/Carers,

School Meals Price Increase

It is almost the end of another school year and we wanted to let you know about a change to the price of school meals to be applied from **Wednesday 6th September 2017**.

Our schools have extensive experience in school meals, and are dedicated to food, health and education. Our food is appetising, ethically-sourced, and freshly cooked on site in our 5* kitchens, with menus that meet the government's nutritional standards and contribute to the health and education of children and young people. We have tried to keep the costs of our school meals as low as possible, but unfortunately the cost of meals will be rising in September from £2 per day to **£2.30 per day** to put us in line with other schools across the borough.

School meals must be paid for in advance and as such, your **ParentPay account must always be in credit**. If you decide that your child will bring a packed lunch, you will need to give us five school days' notice before the changes can be made. In addition to this, should you find yourself in arrears the school will no longer be able to provide a hot meal for your child and you will be required to provide a packed lunch until your debt is cleared.

Important Notice: *You may be eligible for Free School Meals. It costs nothing to apply but could save you money and the school receives extra funding for your child's education.*

To be eligible for Free School Meals the parent or carer must receive one of the following:

- income support;
- income-based Jobseekers 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'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 four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit;
- Universal Credit.





Please speak to a member of the office staff as soon as possible to check your entitlement if you are unsure.

Should you have any questions in the meantime please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely,

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Acting Headteacher