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Dear Parents and Carers,

New School Meal Price

Over the last couple of years, there have been continued significant increases in meal ingredient costs, along with at least an additional 8% increase in labour costs, mainly due to the rise in the living wage. The National Insurance threshold change, applicable from April 2025, has added unexpected financial pressure this year. As a result, and to meet the rising costs of providing school meals, a small increase in the price of a meal is now necessary.

From Tuesday 22 April 2025, the cost of a school meal will increase to **£2.62** per day. This increase will be reflected in the MCAS online payment system from this date.

This price still represents good value for money for a two-course, freshly cooked school meal that is seasonally aligned and meets the government's school food standards. Our prices remain amongst the lowest when compared with other local schools and we will not make any profit from any meal taken by a child.

Taylor Shaw (our catering provider) has a reputation for using only the best, finest quality ingredients and has a philosophy built on meals that are prepared daily using the best possible ingredients that are locally sourced wherever possible. We will continue to work with Taylor Shaw to ensure they remain committed to offering an exciting and varied range of meals, which remain both healthy and nutritious.

Please note that any child who is entitled to free school meals will not be affected by this. For more information about your eligibility for free school meals, please visit: [Free school meals - Wakefield Council](#)

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

Yours sincerely,

Headteacher