

20<sup>th</sup> July 2023

Dear Parents / Carers,

School meal price change - September 2023

I am writing to inform you that we are having to implement a change in the price of school meals with effect from 5th September this year due to an increase in the cost of food and wages for staff. This means that our healthy and nutritious meals will cost £2.60 per day (£13.00 per week).

Healthy school meals, cooked on the premises, are available each day using locally sourced fresh produce wherever possible. There is a three weekly rolling menu with each day's main course and dessert; we also offer a vegetarian option or a jacket potato as a main course. The menu is available on our website.

The Government have pledged continued support for the Universal Infant Free School meals policy and this means that all of the children, from Reception to Year 2 will continue to be entitled to free meals and, only from Year 3 onwards meals have to be paid for.

**To enable our catering team to order the food for September, all parents are required to let us know your choice by completing this short form: <https://forms.office.com/e/VnhgFifEEf>**

If you wish your child to change from packed lunch to school meal at any point please contact the school office, these will only be amended for the start of the next half term.

If you are eligible for certain benefits including child tax credit, universal credit and income support then your child could be eligible for free school meals. Even if your child is in Reception, Year 1 or 2 it is worth applying for Free Meals as then we can then claim additional funding for your child. Please see further details on our website or call in to the school office for more information.

Please remember to keep your ParentPay account topped up as meals must be paid for in advance; we operate a Zero Debt policy.

If you need help in logging on to your ParentPay account, or need help doing so, please let us know. Even if you do not pay for school meals, it is essential that you activate your ParentPay account as we also use this as a communication tool and this is an important method by which we send communications home.

Yours sincerely

Mrs D Sumner,

Principal