



Dear Parent/Carer

3 October 2023

Reference: School meals

I am writing because we have had to make the difficult decision to agree to increase the cost of school meals.

We have worked with our catering partner, Chartwells, to keep charges as low as possible. However, sustained food inflation (which increased by 13.6%, year-on-year, to August 2023), coupled with well-deserved yet significant pay increases for catering staff, leave them with no option but to raise their prices.

From Monday, 6th November, the daily charge for primary school meals will increase to £2.55. All items sold in secondary schools will increase by 10%, with meal deals to be charged at £2.65.

This decision has not been taken lightly and we will work with Chartwells to ensure meals are provided to the highest standards.

Yours sincerely,



Sir Nick Weller

Chief Executive Officer