July 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are writing to inform you that, from the new academic year the price of school meals will increase from **£2.70 to £2.90**. This change reflects the continued pressures of rising costs. We understand that any price increase can be challenging, and we remain committed to ensuring that every child is able to access a high quality, nutritional meal during the school day.

We want to reassure you that this increase is part of a broader commitment to enhancing the quality and sustainability of our dining services. Over the past year, we have made significant investments to ensure that our students benefit from a healthier, more enjoyable mealtime experience.

These include:

- **Improved food quality**, with a focus on fresh, nutritious, and where possible locally sourced ingredients.
- **Menu development,** students continue to be heavily involved in the creation of dine@ menus through student voice, ensuring their lunchtime favourites are featured throughout the week.
- A continued focus on **environmental responsibility**, with steps taken to reduce waste and support sustainability.

Thank you for your continued support as we work to provide the best possible experience for our students.

Free School Meals

There have been recent national changes to free school meal eligibility. From September 2026, all students in households receiving Universal Credit will be entitled to free school meals, removing the previous income threshold. This means that some families who have not previously qualified may now be eligible, so we strongly encourage all parents and carers to check their entitlement. You can check your entitlement online by going to Apply for free school meals - GOV.UK. Alternatively, please contact a member of our friendly office team, who will be happy to support you with the free school meal application process.

Yours faithfully,

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