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Dear Parent/Carers,

### **New School Meal Price**

As you will all be aware, we are currently experiencing high levels of inflation nationally, greater than anyone expected or predicted. Due to this and to meet the rising costs of providing school meals, a small increase in the price of a meal is now necessary.

From 17 April the cost of individual food items (break items and those that aren't part of a meal deal) available to purchase will increase by 15%. Meal deals available at lunch to all students and those entitled to free school meals will increase to £2.35. All items will continue to be clearly labelled so students can identify a meal deal easily.

This price still represents good value for money for a 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 continue to work with Taylor Shaw (our catering provider) to ensure they remain committed to offering an exciting and varied range of meals, snacks, and drinks that are both healthy and nutritious. The school will not make any profit on any meal taken by a child.

Working with Taylor Shaw offers us an exciting opportunity to ensure that all our Trust schools have a consistently high-quality catering provision. Taylor Shaw 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. Taylor Shaw will not, in any way, compromise on quality.

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: <https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals>.

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

Yours sincerely

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Deputy Headteacher