



Dear Parents & Carers

26th April 2023

We are writing to you to inform you that from the 9th May 2023 the price we charge for a school lunch will be increasing. The price is currently £2.40 per meal, and it will increase to £2.65. As a school, we have previously absorbed increases from the school meal providers but we are unfortunately unable to do that now and need to increase the price.

We understand that this is a significant increase to the current meal price, and we know that this will be especially difficult for parents to cover during the cost of living crisis. As you will be aware, costs of food and the national living wage have increased significantly, and the increased price we charge per meal is the only way we can cover the increase in cost that we are charged by our catering provider. Sadly this is a situation that lots of schools are facing, and the local schools I have spoken to are also increasing their price per meal.

If you are happy to pay the new £2.65 price per meal and your child is currently signed up for school lunches, you do not need to take any action. The price you are charged per day will automatically increase to £2.65 from the 9th May. If your child is currently signed up for school lunches but you wish to change this to packed lunches from the 9th May, please email [office.hjs@hpp.school](mailto:office.hjs@hpp.school) by Wednesday 3rd May. As always, we require one week's notice in writing to start or stop school lunches. If your child is entitled to means tested free school meals these will continue to be free of charge. If you are on a low income and receive any of the below benefits you may be entitled to free school meals - please contact [office.hjs@hpp.school](mailto:office.hjs@hpp.school) if you would like to apply:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

Thank you for your continued support and understanding.

Yours sincerely

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