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Dear Parents/Carers,

Re: School Meals

We have been notified by Aspens our catering team, that there will be an increase in the price for School Meals, Therefore, please be aware that from **Monday 13.04.2026** the price of a school meal will increase to £2.65 (currently £2.60) for KS2 children who pay for a school meal. This change will be made on Arbor. We are very pleased with the meals our children are offered and our Chef has been amazing at changing menus where possible to cater for the likes and dislikes of the majority of our children. Please be aware that this remains at a lower cost than the current price from County Council catering which is £3.19 per day. Our catering provider, Aspens, strives extremely hard to keep costs down while working closely with us to ensure that children enjoy their meals.

Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 continue to receive their meals free as part of the Universal Free School Meal scheme.

We would like to urge all parents/carers to decide with their children which days they will be having a dinner and ensure that meal orders are placed on Arbor in advance. Meal bookings must also be paid for at the point of ordering. This is to ensure that no child gets into arrears with their payments and ensure enough meals are prepared for the children in school.

Benefits Based Free School Meals are available to those who qualify, and we believe it is important that those who qualify for free meals take up their child's entitlement, so that they can receive a cooked meal each day. To apply please follow the link below:

[Online FSM Application](#)

If a child's entitlement to free school meals expires or the parents/carers' personal circumstances change, then the parent/carer **must** provide a packed lunch or send payment in advance for a school dinner. Any parent/carer requiring help with registering for a free school meal claim can be provided with assistance from the school office team.

If you have not yet registered for Arbor or are struggling with access, please see any member of the office team and they will assist you with this.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Jess x

Miss J Wall

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