



18 October 2024

RE: School Dinner Charges

Dear Parents and Carers

Our current charge for school dinners for children in Years 3 to 6 is £2.50 per meal. This rate has been in place since April 2023 and has been less than most other local schools.

Over the past two years, our catering company Mellors has applied inflationary increases to the amount school is charged to provide each meal. Most of these increases have gone towards statutory increases in the National Living Wage (which, for example, rose by 9.8% in April 2024).

Due to these inflationary increases, the new charge for paid school dinners from Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November will be **£2.70 per meal**. This brings us in line with average meal prices in other local primary schools. The school continues to subsidise meal costs.

The government will continue to fund meals for children in Early Years, Year 1 and Year 2 and for pupils in receipt of 'Free School Meals' (children whose family meet certain criteria).

Thank you for your understanding.

Best wishes,

James Rourke  
Headteacher