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Dear Parent/Guardian,

Notification of School Meal Price Increase from 21st April 2025

We are writing to inform you that, following a review by our catering provider, FM Catering Services, there will be an increase in the cost of school meals effective from Monday, 21st April 2025.

The new meal prices will be:

Nursery: £2.25 per meal

Primary: £2.45 per meal

This price increase reflects significant rises in meal ingredient costs (at least 25%) and labour costs (approximately 8%) over recent years. Additional pressures, including the upcoming changes to the National Insurance threshold, have also contributed to this adjustment.

Despite these increases, FM Catering Services has successfully kept meal prices among the lowest in our region, well below the rates charged by neighbouring authorities such as Leeds (£2.70) and Kirklees (£2.75). The price adjustment aims to gradually close the gap between the government's funded rate for Universal Infant Free School Meals (£2.58 per meal) and our current charges, thus minimising the financial impact on schools and families alike.

We understand that any price increase, however modest, may affect families, and we encourage any parents who believe they may be eligible for free school meals to contact the Benefits Service on 01274 432771/2/3 to check their eligibility.

Thank you for your understanding and continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Miss N Wade
Head of School

