



Pennine Academies Yorkshire

Farnham Primary School

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Dear Parent/Carer

NOTIFICATION OF NEW SCHOOL MEALS PRICES FROM NOVEMBER 2025

I am writing to inform you that in keeping with previous years a review of all school meal prices has now been undertaken.

The outcome of this review is that, from Monday 3rd November 2025, the recommended minimum standard school meal prices will be as follows:

PRICE (per meal)

Nursery £2.35

Primary £2.55

Over the last couple of years, we have continued to see monthly rising food inflation, increasing to 5.1% in August 25, and at least an additional 6% increase in labour costs, with the latter being mainly due to rises in the living wage. The National Insurance threshold change, applicable from April 2025, has added increased unexpected pressures this year, something which we have absorbed as much as possible within the catering service. Despite all of these huge inflationary pressures, FM Catering have continued to minimise their impact by improving our efficiency and maintaining high meal uptake levels.

Even with this small price increase, school meals in the Bradford district still remain amongst the lowest in the country and are excellent value for money for a nutritionally balanced 2 course set lunch. Our neighbouring authorities, Leeds City Council, Calderdale Council & Kirklees Council, currently charge considerably more for a Primary school lunch. The new Bradford recommended price is still somewhat behind these, something which we are keen to maintain going forward.

By taking these recommended small staggered approaches in line with the school menu changes, the burden to families struggling in the current climate will hopefully be minimised.

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.

Yours faithfully

Mrs A Summerscales
Grove House Primary School