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Dear Parent/Carer,

School Meal Price Increase

I am writing to inform you that we have been contacted by Nottingham City Council Catering department (our school meal provider) that with effect from the 1st September 2024 the price of a school meal for primary school children will be increased.

Nottingham City Council Catering department are committed to offering a healthy, nutritionally balanced two-course meal meeting the government food standards and gives value for money. All meals are cooked fresh using quality local produce. This price increase will help enable their service to address the exceptional above inflation rises in staffing and food costs.

With effect from the 1st September 2024 the price of a school meal will be increasing by 20p to **£2.75 per day. Dinner money for one week will, therefore be £13.75.** The meal increase will be reflected on the Arbor App from 1st September 2024

Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will still receive a free school meal if they choose, under the 'Universal Infant Free School Meal' scheme. It will also not affect children in Key Stage 2 who are entitled to benefit related free school meals.

Please may I remind you of the importance of paying your child's dinner money and remember to keep their school meals account topped up. There must be enough money on your account on a Monday for meals taken that week as all meals must be paid in advance.

The minimum amount which can be paid online is £13.75. This is a rolling balance, so even if your child only has one meal a week the remaining balance will get carried forward to the following weeks. Mrs Davie undertakes the administration of school meals and extra work is involved when reminder letters/texts or phone calls are needed to request overdue dinner money. Your help is much appreciated.

We understand that this may cause hardship for some families. If you think you are entitled to free school meals but have chosen not to make an application yet, or your circumstances have changed and you would like to apply for free school meals, we urge you to do so. Please contact the school office and we will help you to check if you are eligible for free school meals. All queries will be dealt sensitively and confidentially, and we will do all we can to support you.

If you have any questions regarding this, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

Yours sincerely

Mrs. L Duffin
Head Teacher

