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Re: Changes to School Catering and Meals

Dear Parent / Carer,

We have been advised by the Local Authority catering service that the cost of a school meal will be increasing on April 1st 2021 to £2.55. We have also been advised of a further increase in September 2021.

For some time now, we have been unhappy with the rapidly rising cost of school meals and have been raising our concerns with the catering service. As a result, I am writing to let you know of some important changes that will be happening with regards to school catering at our school during the Summer term.

From 1st July 2021, we will be bringing school catering in-house and will no longer be using the Local Authority catering service. We have given this considerable thought, but we believe that by bringing the catering in-house, we can improve the quality of our school meals and menu choice, maintain current school meal costs, as well as keep our excellent catering staff team. The earliest that we can make this change is 01/07/21.

What does this mean for you?

From 1st April 2021 - the cost of a school meal will increase to £2.55. (current cost is £2.40)

From 1st July 2021 - the cost of a school meal will reduce back down to £2.40.

This means that parents will only be charged the higher cost from April to the end of June 2021. We then hope to be able to maintain the £2.40 cost for the next 12 months at least from July 1st 2021.

We hope that you will appreciate our efforts to keep the cost of school meals as affordable as possible whilst also improving our catering provision and will bear with us during this transition period.

Payment for school meals should continue to be made through your SIMS Pay account and the amounts will be adjusted accordingly.

This is a positive move forward for our school and families.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards,

Miss S Butterworth
Headteacher

