

9th July 2018

Dear Parents

This is to inform you that from Tuesday 4th September 2018 there will be a price increase to the cost of the paid school meal for Key Stage 2 children, (all Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children are entitled to Universal Free School Meals). Currently the price of a school meal is £2.10 and this will rise to £2.30 per day, £11.50 per week. We have not implemented a price rise since September 2011 but our Catering Provider is having to increase their own charges due to the continued pressure on the cost of wholesale food and the recent implementation of the National Living Wage which has affected staff costs significantly. Unfortunately we cannot avoid this price increase any longer.

The Governors and the Multi Academy Trust are very keen to ensure that the School Meals Service continues to provide high quality, healthy meal options as well as achieving value for money. With this in mind, they will be actively reviewing the Catering Contract in the next academic year seeking feedback from both children and parents.

Our school meals follow North Yorkshire's Health Eating Policy and are freshly prepared on site daily using:

- fresh meat and poultry sourced from the region;
- fruit and vegetables sourced regionally where possible using local suppliers;
- products free from additives associated with health problems in young children;
- fats free from hydrogenated oils; with
- menus that are nutritionally balanced

I ask for your understanding with this price increase and fully appreciate that these are difficult financial times for everyone.

Yours sincerely

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