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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to inform you that, after careful consideration, we are having to increase the cost of our school meals.

This decision hasn't been taken lightly, and we have been trying to work a solution that is cost effective for everyone, but with significantly higher costs that we are now facing for our gas and electricity along with the food and non-food inflationary costs we need to raise our price per meal costs. Overall, the costs will be increase by 10p each meal, meaning that the total cost to parents is £2.60 per meal.

**This increase will take effect from 1<sup>st</sup> September 2024.**

The Government have continued to support the Universal Infant Free School meals project and this means that all of the children, from Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 can be provided with a school meal free of charge.

If your child is in Years 3-6, they can also have a free school meal if you are in receipt of certain allowances. For further information and to apply for Free School Meals(FSM)/Pupil Premium please visit [Pupil Premium | Cambridgeshire County Council](#)

If there is a difficulty in providing payment of meals, please contact the school office as soon as possible. All queries and requests for support are confidential and we will always work with families to ensure that a solution is found and that we can continue to ensure all children have access to a meal.

Thank you for your support and understanding.

Kind regards

**Michelle Heather**  
**Headteacher**