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Dear Parents and Carers

School Meal Price Increase

As you will be aware, over the past few years the cost of food and provisions has risen sharply. During this time, we have worked closely with our school meal provider, Local Kitchen, to manage the cost of our school meals and avoid any price increase whilst maintaining meal standards.

We have been informed by Local Kitchen that as from the start of the new academic year, September 2024 a price increase is now unavoidable: *'The Local Kitchen team continue to address these challenges by adapting and developing the delivery of the service in school to minimise the impact this has on increased charges. There are many factors beyond their control which affect food production and manufacturing, which have resulted in substantial price rises on base ingredients across all categories and which Local Kitchen can no longer absorb and sustain'*

This means that, with effect from 3rd September 2024, the cost of a school meal will increase to £2.51. This is what school will be charged and we will make no profit from the increase. Children in Reception to Year 2 will continue to receive free meals under the Government's Universal Infant Free School Meal Scheme.

Whilst this price increase is not ideal, it means that we will continue to offer good quality, healthy menu choices which are prepared daily in our school kitchen.

Thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely

Mrs T Whitton
Headteacher



Through learning and loving we will follow Jesus.