



Friday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2022

### Advance Notice – Pupil Meal Price Increase

Dear Parents,

It is great that so many children now have a school dinner during their time with us. We are pleased that the children help us to create our menu choices and that they value the 'Fresh 'n' Tasty' meals that we provide.

As you may be aware, the school has managed to keep the price of a school meal static for a considerable time. We believe that the most recent price increase for our school dinners was over five years ago. This has been a challenge and never more so than in current times when the cost of food produce has been steadily increasing due to companies putting their prices up because of both Brexit and Covid. I am sure that you have noticed this in local supermarkets and shops.

Unfortunately, our current price for a school meal is no longer possible to sustain. Therefore, we are writing to give you advance notice that will have to increase our price from after the February half-term break (week commencing Monday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2022). From this date, the price for a school dinner will be £2.25 per meal (this is £11.25 per week).

Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will still receive free school meals under the 'universal free school meal' scheme. If your child is in Key Stage 2 (Years 3 to 6) and you feel you may be eligible for 'financial free school meals', please follow the link below to apply for this via Luton Borough Council - this may save you the cost of your child's school dinners.

[https://m.luton.gov.uk/Page/Show/Education\\_and\\_learning/Pages/Free-school-meals.aspx?redirectToMobile=True](https://m.luton.gov.uk/Page/Show/Education_and_learning/Pages/Free-school-meals.aspx?redirectToMobile=True)

Although having to increase our meal prices is disappointing, we are sure you will agree that this is an understandable necessity and that it is still great value for a healthy, two-course lunch. We thank you for your understanding and for your continued support. If you have any questions, please do contact the school office.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Fordham  
Headteacher

Mr Coppin  
Chair of Governors

Mrs Booth  
School Business Manager