



Bentham Community
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Dear Parents

Meal Charges

As I am sure parents will be more than aware, financial constraints on schools are ever increasing, as are the cost implications of providing and delivering services to members of the school community. As a school we continually strive to subsidise expenditure to parents/carers this includes with costs involved in extra-curricular activities, school visits and trips, swimming lessons and much more.

Historically, for a number of years, the school has significantly subsidised the cost of a school meal to parents. However, due to recent inevitable price increases, and following much deliberation and consultation, a decision was made at a Governors' Meeting held on the 20th November 2018 that the school would have to increase the price per meal, per child to parents as from the 1st January 2019, as follows:-

Nursery Children	£2.00 per meal/per day (£10.00 per week)
Reception, years 1 and 2	FREE of Charge (Universal Free School Meal)
Years 3,4,5 and 6	£2.45 per meal/per day (£12.25 per week)
Adult Meals	£2.65 plus VAT

We are sure that parents/carers will appreciate, the above small increase in price, still means that school meals are excellent value for money. School meals are freshly prepared on site, every day from only locally sourced, high quality and fresh produce. A school meal is also reassurance for parents/carers that children are consuming a healthy and balanced warm main meal and dessert during the lunch-time period.

For those parents in receipt of Free School Meals, the above increase will have no impact. As is always the case, if you do have concerns or difficulties meeting payments for school meals, then please do not hesitate to contact the school. Alternatively, if you think you may be eligible for Free School Meals, then please complete an application form, which is available from the School Office. All enquiries and applications will be treated in the STRICTEST of confidence.

Yours sincerely

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