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Dear Parents/Carers

School Meals : Price Increase

As a Governing Body, it is our responsibility to ensure that the school budget is effectively managed. Over the course of the year, we have battled with ever increasing costs from North Yorkshire County Council's County Catering service in relation to school meals. Subsequently, the school has ended up heavily subsidising the cost per meal per child in order to honour the meal charges currently set to parents/carers.

Unfortunately, this subsidy is not something that can be sustained long-term and, as such, prices from September will increase to £2.55 per meal for children in years 3,4,5 and 6 and £2.10 per meal for children in Nursery. The school will continue to provide 'Universal Free School Meals' for children in reception, years 1 and 2. In addition, if your child is currently eligible for Free School Meals, this small increase will not impact you in anyway.

As a Governing Body we strongly believe that school meals continue to be fantastic value for money and provide children with a healthy, freshly prepared meal at lunch-time.

Please be reassured that we will continue to work as a Governing Body to ensure that costs to parents/carers remain the lowest they can be, and we would like to thank parents/carers for their continued support.

Have a lovely Summer holiday.

Kind regards.

Yours sincerely

Mrs C Procter
Chair of Governors



