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Dear Parent/Carer,

RE: Meal prices

As you may be aware, we completed a trust wide procurement exercise for our catering services in 2020 and awarded the contract to Caterlink, specialist caterers for the education sector. Following this procurement, we have been pleased to see improvements in the quality and freshness of the lunches served in our academies.

Unfortunately, and perhaps inevitably, the prices charged for school meals across England have been steadily increasing. I am sorry to let you know that the prices we are being charged and therefore must pass on will increase to £2.80 a meal from 1 April 2025.

I know this news will not be welcomed, especially so soon after the January increase, but recent research completed by the Litmus Partnership has concluded that a healthy, sustainably sourced school meal should cost £3.16. I often share lunch with our children and remain confident that we are striking an excellent balance between fresh food, high quality, and affordability for all. Our school meals meet all the necessary food standards and I know that Caterlink is always happy to display and serve tasters of their food at parents' evenings, and other events. Please let the school office know if this is something you would be interested in trying.

Once again, I apologise for the price increase and would like to thank you for continuing to work with school and trust leaders as we strive to ensure everyone in our school community can flourish.

Yours faithfully

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