

19th October 2026

Dear Parent/Carer

School Meal Prices

We are writing to let you know that, from **2nd November 2026**, the price of a school meal will increase to **£3.00** at primary schools and **£3.25** at secondary schools.

Secondary schools will also see a 5% tariff increase on all sundries.

We appreciate that any increase in household costs is unwelcome, and this decision has been made only after careful consideration. The cost of providing school meals through our catering provider Mellors Catering Services continues to pose a financial challenge. We have worked hard to absorb these pressures for as long as possible and to keep the increase to a minimum.

The price increase will help us continue to provide pupils with nutritious, balanced meals, maintain appropriate portion sizes and offer a varied menu that supports children throughout the school day.

Families whose children are entitled to free school meals will not be charged. If you think your child may be eligible, please contact the school office in confidence so that we can explain the support available.

We remain committed to providing good-quality meals and value for money. Thank you for your understanding and continued support.

Yours sincerely,



Garath Rawson

CEO

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Belonging

We build a culture where every child, colleague and community member feels safe, valued and included, creating a strong sense of family across our Trust.



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Flourishing

We enable every child and adult to flourish through rich opportunities, high quality education and exceptional care, so that all can achieve their full potential.



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Leadership

We lead with integrity, ambition and professionalism, empowering others through strong governance, expert practice and moral purpose.



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Partnership

We work in partnership across our academies and communities, sharing expertise, building capacity and achieving more together than we could alone.



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Transformation

We transform lives through education by raising aspirations, tackling disadvantage and creating brighter futures for every child and young person.

