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Increase in School Meal Costs

Dear Parents,

We are writing to inform you about an important update regarding the cost of school meals at Downton Primary School.

Effective from 1st September 2023, there will be an increase in the price of meals from £2.30 to £2.50 per meal. We understand that any price adjustment may cause concern, and we wanted to take a moment to explain the factors that have contributed to this decision.

Unlike many other settings that have gradually increased their prices over the last few years, we have not adjusted the price of our school meals since 2016. We have each year, made every effort to absorb the rising costs to ensure that we serve affordable and nutritious meals for our students. However, due to the ongoing increase in food and energy costs, we find ourselves compelled to adjust our meal prices to maintain the high standards we strive to provide.

While we recognise that this increase may be a challenge for families, we want to assure that we have carefully considered all options before reaching this decision, especially given the current climate and the cost of living. We also appreciate that this may provide some families with an additional financial burden and urge you to contact us if this is the case.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this change, please do not hesitate to get in touch, as we will be more than happy to address any queries you may have.

We also thank you for your understanding in such a delicate matter at this time and for your continued support of our school community.

Best wishes

Paula Carlton

