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School Meals Price Increase

Dear Parents/Carers,

We wanted to inform families about the upcoming increase for school meals from Monday 22nd September 2025. We apologise that this has not been communicated sooner.

We have been informed by Catering Leeds that they have changed the cost of meals quite significantly from September 2025. There has been an increased pressure on food costs and these, alongside staffing and utility costs, all have an impact on pricing. As a result of this continued pressure they have made the decision to raise the cost of meals to the following:

	Cost of a school lunch Last year	Cost of a school lunch September 2025
Reception, Year 1 and Year 2	No cost to families (due to Government grant for universal meals).	No cost to families (due to Government grant for universal meals).
Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6	£2.46 per day	£2.90 per day

We would like to take this opportunity to remind all families that if you are in receipt of the following benefits you may be able to claim free school meals for your child.

- Income support
- Income based Job Seeker’s Allowance
- Income based Employment and Support Allowance
- Child Tax Credit with an annual income of less than £16,190
- Guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
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- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Universal Credit with an annual income of less than £7,400

Importantly, even if your child is in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2 and therefore receives a free lunch, if you receive benefits shown above, you should still register for free school meals. School receives more funding if we have more children registered as eligible to receive free school meals. With pressure on school budgets, we are glad of any additional funding we can apply for. Therefore please, if you think you might be eligible, please apply for Free School Meals. To apply, click the link below:

<https://www.leeds.gov.uk/schools-and-education/apply-for-free-school-meals>

Kind regards,

Mrs Fuller
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