

July 2023

## Important Notice - School Meal Price Increases from September 2023

There will be an increase to the cost of school meals which will take effect on our return from the summer break.

We have always tried to keep our meal prices affordable to families and our last price increase was pre-covid. As you will be aware, since then, there has been a significant increase in costs associated with meal production - both in relation to food supplies and energy costs. The Wensum Trust has been standing the cost of increases, but is now in a position where it has had to review the situation.

To ensure we can continue to fund a high-quality service that delivers healthy, nutritious meals, caters for all allergens and dietary requirements, and is served in a safe environment on our school premises, we will be increasing our meal deal price from **£2.30 to £2.55** per day from 1st September 2023. **This increase will also apply to our other food products on offer.** If your child is in Year 7-11 and you are in receipt of any of the following, you may also be eligible for free school meals:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999, plus, from 19 April 2022, those with no recourse to public funds.
- The guarantee element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit 'run-on' - the payment someone may receive for a further four weeks after they stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get) at the time of your application.

You can apply for free school meals [Here](#)

If you have any questions or need support in making an application please contact the school office for confidential support.

If there is a difficulty in providing payment of meals, please contact the school office as soon as possible. All queries and requests for support are confidential and we will always work with families to ensure that a solution is found and that we can continue to ensure all children have access to a meal.

Thank you for your support and understanding.

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