

9th October 2024

Dear Parent/Carer

Important Notice - School Meal Price Increases from 4th November 2024.

There will be an increase to the cost of school meals which will take effect from the 4th November 2024.

At Acle Academy we pride ourselves on providing high quality nutritious food for all students. We have always aimed to ensure that the cost of food at school is affordable. As you will be aware there has been a significant increase in costs associated with meal production in recent years - both in relation to food supplies and energy costs. We have not previously increased our prices and The Wensum Trust has absorbed the increase in costs. However, we are now in a position where we have to review the situation.

Following on from student feedback we feel it is no longer appropriate to offer a meal deal as many children were not utilising their full meal deal allowance. Therefore, from the 4th November students will be able to purchase all items singularly, with a main meal costing £2.50.

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.

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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.



Mrs H Watts
Principal

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