



9th May 2025

Dear Parents/Carers

### **SCHOOL MEALS PRICE INCREASE**

I am writing to inform you about an important update regarding the price of school meals provided by Doncaster Schools' Catering.

The Local Authority currently charge our school £3.20 per meal and for a number of years the school has been subsidising the cost of school meals and avoiding passing on the full cost to parents. Currently parents are charged £2.80 per meal. However, due to increasing costs and financial pressures, regrettably, we must now make a small increase to the cost parents pay for school meals. We understand that this may come at a challenging time financially for some families, and we sincerely apologise for any inconvenience this may cause. The cost of a school meal to parents will be increased to **£2.90 with effect from Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2025**.

For your information:

Free School Meals (FSM) is a statutory benefit available to school-aged children in Reception/KS1 (this is in addition to UFSM) and KS2 pupils, from families who receive other qualifying benefits and who have been through the relevant registration process. It is worth checking even if your child is currently in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2 and is entitled to a Universal Infant Free School Meal (UFSM).

To check eligibility and apply to Doncaster Council please use the following link:

<https://www.doncaster.gov.uk/services/schools/free-school-meals>

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

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