



July 2022

Dear Parent/Carer

We know that many families within our school community are struggling with the rising costs of living, especially the increased cost of fuel and food, the continued financial impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic and the removal of the Universal Credit Uplift.

Over the last number of years school budgets have also incurred greater costs in relation to staffing, purchasing of school resources, and rising food costs.

As a Trust we understand the importance of a healthy, balanced school meal and we are dedicated to ensuring the quality of the food provided to our pupils remains high. To help our families we have heavily subsidised the rising costs associated with providing a school meal which has enabled us to keep school meal prices low. This has been in the region of a 20% subsidy contribution per meal being made by the Trust and our schools. Most of the Exceed school meal prices are well below what other Bradford schools are charging.

Unfortunately, from September 2022 we have no option but to increase the price of a school meal for Primary pupils. At this stage, the increase is still below the current cost of inflation and the rising food costs that we pay our suppliers.

For Appleton Academy Primary pupils, the current cost of a school meal is £1.80p. From September 2022 this will increase to £1.90p.

The cost of lunch for Secondary pupils will remain the same in September 2022 as things stand. However, as the cost of food and rising inflation continues, I wanted to highlight now that it is likely that we will need to review these prices again – for Primary and Secondary – in January 2023.

We want to support our families in any way that we can so if your circumstances have changed and you would like to check if your child now qualifies for free school meals, please contact your school office who will provide you with the relevant paperwork/access to the online application. This process is carried out by Bradford Council and the school has no control over this, but we will support you through it, including providing IT access so that you can do this online if you want to.

We wish you all well and hope you all have an enjoyable and safe summer break.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mr D. Jacques".

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