



Thursday 13th July 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Cost of School Lunches

We have been informed this week that Derbyshire County Council has significantly increased the cost of school meals to £3.25 per day. This will take effect from September. The reasons given for such a large increase are as follows:

- Increased food costs
- Increased energy costs
- Increased staffing costs due to inflation
- Catering Service being required by legislation to produce a nutritious, hot, two-course meal, without making a profit, and therefore portion size or quality of food cannot be compromised.

As a school we recognise that this is large increase, and unfortunately without an on-site kitchen we have no choice but to buy our meals in. The following groups will still receive a school meal free of charge:

- All children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2
- Children who are eligible for Pupil Premium funding

If you do not currently benefit from Pupil Premium funding, I would encourage all parents to apply using the attached QR code, even if you think that you may not be eligible. This will store your details for the duration that your child is at the school, and you may become automatically eligible if your circumstances change.

We have also noticed that some families are ordering a meal for their children but also bringing a packed lunch and making a choice on the day. This results in food waste and costs the school money, as we have to pay for the meals that are uneaten. Please indicate on the attached form if your child will be having a packed lunch or school meal on each day of the week from September. We will then only order lunches on the days that you have indicated.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Kind Regards

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Child Name _____

Please return by Wednesday 19th July.

Lunch Requirements from September (please tick)

Day	School Meal	Packed Lunch
Monday		
Tuesday		
Wednesday		
Thursday		
Friday		

Please note that although the menu changes on a 3-week cycle, your child will need to follow the same meal pattern regardless of which week we are in.