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Dear Parent/Carer

School Meal Prices

We have continued to work hard with our catering company over the last year to improve both the quality and quantity of food served in the school. We believe that we now offer nutritional and healthy menus and we continue to look at ways to introduce new ranges during the school year. Our catering company, as an employer in Greenwich borough, continues to pay its staff the London living wage and we fully support this decision.



As a result of the improved food offer and the increase in staffing costs, the cost of a meal (main course and pudding, or main course and a drink) will rise from £2.20 to **£2.60 per day** from the 1 September 2019. This is the first meal increase since September 2016. I believe this higher cost still represents excellent value for money and is still lower than some of the primary schools in the area.



We firmly believe, and research evidence has shown, that if children eat healthily this will help them to achieve both their educational and lifestyle goals.

We do provide students with cheaper and filling alternatives: home-made soup and a roll is £1.30, pasta is £1.70, a filled jacket potato is £1.70 and there are a range of sandwiches available between £1.70 and £1.90.

We would like to remind parents and carers that you may be entitled to claim for free school meals. Please contact the main school administration office if you would like help completing the application form.



To qualify for free school meals, you must be:

- **Receiving Income Support**
- **or receiving income-based Jobseeker's Allowance**
- **or income related Employment & Support Allowance**
- **or receiving Child Tax Credit with a gross annual income as assessed by the Inland Revenue of £16,190 or less (gross means before deductions for tax and national insurance)**
- **or receiving a Pension Credit Guarantee**
- **or being supported under Part VI of the Immigration & Asylum Act 1999**

Yours sincerely

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