



April 2026

Dear Parent/Carer,

We hope you are well.

We are writing to inform you of an upcoming change to the school meal tariff, effective from May 2026.

Like many households and organisations across the UK, our suppliers continue to experience significant increases in the cost of food, packaging, energy and fuel. Despite working closely with them to manage these pressures, and doing everything we can to absorb costs where possible, these increases are now impacting the overall cost of providing our service.

Since November 2025, product costs have risen by approximately 8%, and from April 2026, staff wages will also increase in line with the London Living Wage. While we have worked hard to minimise the impact on families, including holding the prices of bottled water and fruit. Regrettably these rising costs can no longer be fully absorbed.

As a result, we have made the difficult decision to implement a tariff increase.

We want to reassure you that this decision has not been taken lightly. We remain fully committed to providing nutritious, high-quality meals that offer good value for money. Should costs stabilise or reduce in the future, we will review our pricing accordingly.

Your school will share details of the new tariff, including the updated price and the date it will take effect, via email or on the school website.

We understand that any increase in costs is challenging, and we appreciate your continued support and understanding.

Yours sincerely,
Caterlink