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The Headteacher

All Secondary Schools

Copy to: Business Manager

Dear Colleague,

NOTIFICATION OF NEW SCHOOL MEALS PRICES FROM OCTOBER 2022

I am writing to inform you that in keeping with previous years, a review of the school meal prices has been undertaken.

The outcome of this review is that, from the 31st October 2022, the recommended standard school meal prices will be as follows:

	PRICE (per meal)
Pupil Set Meal	£2.50
Adult Set Meal (inc VAT)	£3.00

The last couple of years have seen a minimum 20% increases in meal ingredient costs and 10% increases in labour costs, with the latter being mainly due to rises in the living wage. Yet despite these inflationary pressures, FM Catering have minimised their impact by improving our efficiency and maintaining high meal uptake levels.

School meal prices in the Bradford district remain amongst the lowest in the country, and are still excellent value for money for a nutritionally balanced school lunch. This 5p price rise will benefit schools by increasing paid meal income, helping to reduce the net cost of service and to keep down future contract charges to schools. A further rise in April 2023 is likely to be required and will be reviewed closer to the time. By taking this staggered approach in line with the menu changes, the burden to families struggling in the current climate will hopefully be minimised.

Individual item price rises have been kept to a minimum wherever possible. All meal deals have been reviewed as has the healthy reward scheme offered to pupils. Through consultations with pupils at some of our schools, this scheme will change to an exciting traffic light based system making it very easy to see which items constitute healthy choices and in turn which will offer the greatest points value. Full details will be available regarding the new offer in time for the 31st October start date.

Please could you inform parents of the above in any Autumn end of term communication you may make, and include if possible, details of the Benefits Service (01274 432771/2/3) to help ensure that those who qualify for free meal entitlement, will take up that option.

If you require any further information or clarification, please contact me on 07582 101418.

Yours faithfully



Craig Webb

**Business ICT Systems & Information Manager
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