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Dear Parents/Guardians,

School Meal Price Increase September 2025

Our meals are currently supplied through North Yorkshire County Caterers, the continued increases in staffing and food costs have increased the cost of producing meals.

As a result, the Governors have taken the difficult decision to partially increase the price of a school meal to £3.60 per day from September 2025 (£18.00pw). We have not gone ahead with the full increase as we appreciate these are difficult times for everyone. Information about our school meals is found on the following link:

[School meals | North Yorkshire Council](#)

The change will not affect those who are entitled to free school meals (FSM) through the Universal FSM programme in Reception and years 1 and 2.

The Government also offer all children the opportunity to benefit from a free school meal if parents are in receipt of any of the following:

Universal Credit, provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400, as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods (£616.67 per month)

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- support under part six of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- the guarantee element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit, provided you are also not entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual household gross income that does not exceed £16,190 (as assessed by HMRC)
- Working Tax Credit run-on, paid for four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit

For more information or to apply for the basic free school meals please click the below or feel free to call into the school office where we can help you complete the process.

[Free school meals | North Yorkshire Council](#)

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

Yours sincerely

Mr J Harrison
Headteacher

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