



## **School Meals and Nursery Fees: Notice of Pricing Changes from September 2026**

Dear Families,

Continued increasing food prices and increasing staff costs means we can no longer maintain the prices of school meals and paid nursery spaces. I am writing to you to inform you that, regrettably, there will be an increase in the price of school meals and paid nursery spaces, from September.

We have kept increases to a minimum and we have benchmarked with other local schools to ensure that our prices also reflect local offers.

### **School Meals Pricing**

**From 1<sup>st</sup> September 2025 all school meals will cost £2.90**, an increase of 5p. If you believe that you may be eligible for Free School Meals, then please do speak to the school office who can help the school access funding for this.

Applying does not mean your child is committed to having a school meal each day. They can continue to bring packed lunch but with the option to order hot meals, at no cost.

If your child is **in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2 they are automatically entitled to a school dinner at no cost** as part of the Universal Infant Free School Meals. You do not need to commit to a hot meal each day and your child can choose to bring a packed lunch or hot meal. The school office can help.

### **Nursery Fees Hourly Pricing**

As of 1<sup>st</sup> September 2026, nursery fees for **2-year-olds will be £6.00 per hour** and for **3- and 4-year-olds will be £5.50 per hour**.

The good news is the government continues to fund nursery spaces for eligible families, and this enables us to make minimum increases. Please get in touch with the school office if you would like to know more. You may be eligible for more hours that are funded.

We will continue to review the prices each year and inform you at least one term in advance. We know that we are all in challenging economic times and I would like to assure you that we are doing all that we can to keep costs to a minimum.

Yours sincerely,



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