

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2017



Dear Parents/Carers,

This brief letter is just to clarify some details about school lunches with effect from September.

**Lunches for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 pupils**

The government is going to retain the Universal Free School Meals initiative next year. This is good news and means that the offer of a free school lunch will still be in place for children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 if parents want to take advantage of this. Therefore, there will continue to be no cost for lunches for children in these year groups. *Remember, if you would be entitled to claim for 'Free School Meals' for your child anyway then you must let the school know – this will mean you can get free milk etc and the school has access to pupil premium funding.*

**School meals to go up to £2.30 per day for KS2**

For children who wish to have a school lunch in Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 there will a small price increase to £2.30 per day, £11.50 per week for those who are required to pay for their lunches. We have managed to keep our prices at a lower level for several years, but have no alternative but to make this increase as we need to cover the higher food costs which we have to pay. This will bring us into line with other schools in the partnership. *If anyone thinks they may be entitled to 'Free School Meals' then please speak to Mrs Johnson in school – and she will tell you what you need to do to apply.*

**Lunches for Nursery pupils – 30 hours**

For parents of Nursery pupils eligible for 30 hours provision, the price for a school meal will be £2.00 per day, £10 per week. I think we have spoken to everyone who will be involved in this provision, but if you have not yet alerted staff whether or not you will require a school lunch (the other alternative would be to provide a packed lunch) then can you please speak to Miss Dougall or Mrs Atkinson before the end of term.

And just a final reminder about tomorrow ...**Friday is the end of the summer term and for Reception to Year 6 the pupils will finish at 2pm!**

Yours sincerely

Miss E Beeston, Head Teacher