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Dear Parent/Carer

Re: School Meals price changes

I am writing to advise you that with effect from the start of next term, we have been informed that Lunchtime UK, our College meals' provider, has introduced a new price list as attached.

You will probably be aware that food costs have been spiralling since last summer. I am sure you have all been hit by this at your supermarket. Although Lunchtime UK has held prices at the same level for the past two years, the price changes have become unavoidable due to the cost of ingredients and other inflationary pressures. I am pleased to state that the cost of a "meal of the day" (main course + dessert) remains at £2.00

To give you a good example, the costs of wheat and dairy produce have increased more than at any other time over the last 25 years. For example, the cost of wheat has risen nearly 50 times over the last year. Of course, the cost of only using free range chicken and lamb has always been high. Whilst any increase would normally take place in September, to coincide with the start of the new academic year, the rises in costs this year has been so high that it is not possible to absorb these without increasing prices. We very much regret this and have shared our concern with Lunchtime UK.

Please be assured that Lunchtime UK do continue to use the best and freshest produce available wherever possible to ensure that good quality and value for money is maintained.

Yours sincerely,

Robert Campbell
Principal