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To All Parents and Carers
St Benet's MAT Academies

Dear Parents and Carers,

Increase in the Price of Paid School Meals - Update

Further to the letter that we sent out previously, we have received some feedback that we have reflected upon, and it has therefore been agreed that the proposed school meal price increase will now come into effect from Monday 4th November instead of the start of October.

For the last 2 years there has been no change in our meal prices but due to the continuing increases over this time in food costs (around 20%) and staff catering costs (around 15%), the price of paid school meals will therefore

increase at the start of November to £2.70.

Despite our best efforts to keep school meal prices at a consistent level over the last 2 years, we can no longer absorb the increasing prices and demands that this is placing on the school budget.

This price increase does not affect the Free School Meal entitlement. If your child is eligible to receive free school meals (if you are in receipt of a qualifying benefit), then your child's meals will continue to be free. If you think you could be eligible for free school meals then please check at www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals.

We are pleased to announce that over the coming months a new supplier, Nourish, will be taking on the catering across all of the schools in St Benet's MAT and we want to assure you that this increase is in no way due to the change in supplier.

Nourish will offer pupils a varied choice of main lunch meals, ensuring they have a nutritionally balanced choice of healthy meals and children's favourites. Jacket potatoes and desserts are on offer daily with pasta choices on a number of days. Pupils will also have fresh salad items to choose from each day and are encouraged to have this by staff, with fresh bread baked daily as well.

Nourish also hold the Silver Food for Life Award, and they are committed to providing a quality service and healthy meal to your child at lunchtime.

Yours faithfully,

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