

Wednesday 2nd March 2022

Dear Parent/Carer,

As you are aware, lunch is an important part of the school day. A healthy, nutritious, balanced school meal can lead to better health and improved academic performance. All our meals are made from scratch, and we only use quality local produce including Red Tractor meats and free-range eggs.

We have managed to hold our price for school lunches since taking our catering service inhouse in 2020. However, despite our best efforts, the price of £2.45 does not enable us to cover the total cost of the school meal. Due to price rises in several areas, we have been left with no alternative other than to increase the cost of school lunches. We have explored other alternatives, but unfortunately to subsidise school meals from other areas of our budget would mean that money available for teaching and learning would be impacted.

As a result, we have taken the difficult decision to increase the cost of our school lunches to £2.50 per meal from 25th April 2022. This is in line with other local schools, many of whom already charge £2.50. This change will not affect those who are entitled to free school meals through the Universal Free School Meals programme in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. It will also not affect children in Key Stage 2 who have access to income based free school meals.

If you believe that your child may be eligible for income-based Free School meals, please apply by visiting the Torbay Council website. Torbay Council will let us know the outcome as soon as possible.

We thank you in advance for your understanding.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs L Keiller

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