

# THE DIAMOND LEARNING PARTNERSHIP TRUST

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Dear Parents and Carers,

## **Re: School Meal Prices from September 2026**

We are revising the price of school meals across our Trust, effective September 2026. Following a thorough review of catering costs and a comparison with other local schools, it was determined that current revenue does not sufficiently cover increasing expenses related to wage adjustments (including minimum wage increases) and food inflation. The current meal price is £2.65; however, due to ongoing financial losses, **this will increase by 10p to £2.75**, representing a 3.8% rise. This adjustment is necessary to support financial sustainability while continuing to offer quality meals.

Significant savings have been achieved by bringing our meal service in house and we are pleased with parental feedback around the quality of meals improving. Nonetheless, we are unable to further subsidise meals given the elevated costs. The price increase will not generate profit for the school but will help prevent additional allocation of school budget funds to support catering operations.

This change does not affect children eligible for Free School Meals, including those newly eligible under Universal Credit. If you believe your child may qualify, please contact your school office. We recognise the rising cost pressures facing families and have made this decision to balance affordability with sustaining our schools' primary educational focus.

Additionally, we anticipate new government guidance regarding the eligibility of all families receiving universal credit for free school meals. Further information will be shared as it becomes available.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Kind regards,



**Jonathan Lewis - CEO**