

3rd July 2025

Dear Parents/Carers

### **Review of School Meal Charges**

Primary school meal charges in Hull are recommended by the Hull Learning Partnership. Last September we increased our prices to £1.50 to bring us in line with other schools in Hull.

Last week the Hull Learning Partnership agreed to a further increase in cost to £1.70 per meal. This small increase means that pupils in Hull's schools will still pay considerably less than in other local authority areas because the council and individual schools will continue to subsidise school meals, just as before. A recent report by School Food Matters estimated that the average cost of providing a school meal in 2024 was £2.91.

Because the news of this increase is likely to be covered in the press, we wanted to write to our primary schools to let you know how this will affect you.

Currently, we are not planning to increase to £1.70 from September as we feel this is too short notice.

We will review the budget position for our catering service over the summer break which will help us decide when to implement this. This will not be any earlier than October half term.

All Key Stage 1 primary pupils remain eligible for the universal infant free school meals.

We understand this news may pose challenges for some families and we would encourage you to check if your child qualifies for free school meals via the link below. If you need any support with this please ask at the school office.

<https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals/kingston-upon-hull>

If you have any queries regarding this, please, do not hesitate to contact the school office

Yours sincerely



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