

21st July 2023

Dear families,

I am writing to inform you of an increase to the cost of school meals which will take effect on our return from the summer break.

As you will be aware, there has been a significant increase in costs associated with meal production - both in relation to food supplies and energy costs. Whilst we have worked with our current provider, ISS, to try to keep the costs as low as possible in relation to the cost of a school meal, we are now at a point where we need to review this.

The cost of a school meal will rise from £2.45 to £2.67 per meal (£13.35 per week).

This increase will take effect across the Trust from 1st September 2023..

The Government has continued to support the Universal Infant Free School Meals (UIFSM) initiative and this means that all of the children, from Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 can be provided with a school meal free of charge. As well as hot meals, our school meal provision also includes a cold sandwich option and is a great solution for those who would normally bring a packed lunch. The UIFS is not means tested and is for every EYFS and KS1 child.

If your child is in Y3 - Y6 and you are in receipt of any of the following, you may also be eligible for free school meals:

- Income Support
- Income based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income related Employment Support Allowance
- Support under Part IV of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit - if you have a yearly household income of less than £16,190 (as assessed by HM Revenue and Customs) and you do not get Working Tax Credit
- Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for
- Working tax Credit)
- Universal Credit, provided you have an annual earned income of no more than £7400

You can apply for free school meals here

<https://www.wakefield.gov.uk/schools-and-education/schools/free-school-meals/>

If you have any questions or need support in making an application please contact the academy office for confidential support.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "D. Burnett". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped 'D' and a long, sweeping tail on the 't'.

Donna Burnett

Principal