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Dear Parents/Carers,

School Meal Charges & Meal Provision

I am writing to inform you that due to sustained and continuing cost increases, from the start of the new academic year in September, there will be an increase to school meal charges. This will result in new prices being; £2.50 per day for Nursery and **£3.25** per day for KS2. We have kept the increase to parents as low as possible, meaning that the meals will continue to be subsidised by the Collegiate, with the cost of providing the meal remaining in excess of the increased price charged to parents and carers.

The provision of Universal Free School Meals for Reception to Year 2 remains unchanged.

If your child is eligible for Free School Meals, this will continue. Should you have reason to believe your child may be eligible for Free School Meals, please ensure the office have your signed permission form so that we can check their eligibility on your behalf.

May I also remind you that school meals should continue to be paid for in advance? If a school meal is requested and there is no credit on your child's account, you will be given the opportunity to either top up the account or deliver a packed lunch to school by lunchtime.

Further to this from September, along with the rest of the Newman Catholic Collegiate, we will be bringing the full catering provision in house with arrangements already in place. Alongside other benefits, this will provide increased flexibility in our provision of school meals, with menus more tailored to the preferences of our children. Full provision of meals for children with dietary requirements will continue.

If you have any queries, please contact the school office.

Yours sincerely

Mrs S. Rathbone
Principal

