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Dear Parents and Carers

School Lunches

As you may be aware, the cost of food has continued to rise significantly over recent years. From October 2011 to February 2022, food inflation averaged around 5%, and in March 2023 it reached a peak of 17.5%.

Throughout this time, we have worked tirelessly to shield families from these increases. We are proud to have kept our school lunch price at £2.20 since 2017 the lowest in Liverpool because we know how important an affordable, healthy meal is for every child.

However, despite our best efforts and careful budgeting, it is no longer possible to sustain the current price without affecting the quality of the meals we provide. To ensure our pupils continue to receive nutritious, balanced, and freshly prepared lunches, the cost of a school meal will increase by just 10p to **£2.30** from **1 January 2026**. Please be aware this increase will not affect pupils in receipt of free school meals.

We have kept this increase as small as possible and made this decision only after much consideration. Please be assured that every penny continues to go directly into providing the best quality meals for our pupils.

Thank you for your continued understanding, kindness, and support it means so much to us and helps us to keep doing what's best for our children every day.

Yours sincerely

Ms K Smyth
Headteacher

