

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We would like to inform you that our school caterers, Innovate have informed us of an upcoming increase in the price of school meals. The rising costs of food ingredients and operational expenses have made it necessary for them to adjust their prices in order to maintain the quality and nutritional value of the meals they provide to our students.

The new pricing will be effective from 9th May 2023. The Free School Meal (FSM) price allowance for eligible FSM students will automatically be increased to the new 'meal deal' price of £2.50 per meal. As part of a 'Meal Deal', students can have the main meal of the day (vegetarian or non-vegetarian) and a small drink or dessert of the day.

We have attached a copy of the letter from our caterers, which provides more information about the reasons for the price increase and their commitment to providing high-quality meals to our students. We have also attached the new menu for your information. Our caterers have been working hard to incorporate a variety of new dishes and ingredients to keep our menus exciting and appealing to our students.

Free School Meal – New Eligibility Checker

If you are having financial difficulties and think your child should be eligible for a free school meal, please note that there is now a new easy and fast way to check and apply for Free School Meals. You can check your eligibility via the LGfL Eligibility Checker (<https://pps.lgfl.org.uk/>). On the above webpage, click on "check eligibility" and then "create a new account" - you will be asked for a few details and an immediate Yes or No answer will be given to say if you are eligible or not.

If you are eligible, you should receive a "Certificate of Eligibility" - please forward this on to the school and we can ensure your child is able to have free school meals moving forward.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the school office. We appreciate your understanding and continued support in ensuring that our students receive healthy, nutritious meals.

Yours sincerely



Mr Gerard McKenna
Headteacher



SILVER AWARD



Dear Parent / Carer,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for choosing us as your caterer and for your continued collaboration. Working closely together means we can deal with challenges such as Covid as effectively as we have. Sadly, the post Covid period has offered up its own new set of challenges, that is why I am writing to you now, to keep you updated on how current events are affecting our industry, and how we plan to address them.

There are two issues impacting your catering service; the availability of people and the price of food. Our overall goals are to ensure we maintain the quality of food that we provide and to pay people fairly, keep them in our industry, and in our business. Below we will look at the challenges in turn.

People – Increased Costs of > 10%

The supply of great people was impacted by both Brexit and Covid. We are now seeing the result of the market shift in all sectors with over 100,000 vacancies in the UK hospitality sector alone. The Government has addressed the issue by increasing minimum wage rates from April by 10%, the largest increase ever seen. This impacts all of our staff members as the differential between the core team and supervisors/managers must be maintained, in order to retain people at different levels within our onsite teams. We are doing all we can to attract the best people, but we must increase wages significantly in April.

Food and Drinks – Increased Costs of > 18.2% (Most recent inflation figures from ONS)

As you know the war in Ukraine is not only a terrible humanitarian crisis, but it has also impacted economies across the globe. The key factors are the availability of what are referred to as the three F's. Fertiliser, Feed and Fuel. Availability and therefore prices in these areas have been greatly impacted. This has affected food production and supply and is reflected in the challenges witnessed in the food service supply chain. The fourth F is Finance. Additionally, interest rates are driving up inflation which impacts everyone. Again, we have worked hard to absorb and mitigate some of the 14% increase proposed by our food and drink suppliers, to minimise the impact on students and parents. Here are some of the things we are doing.

- Change suppliers – where necessary and cost effective
- Amend recipes – whilst maintaining our food quality and portion sizes
- Reduce the overall range of products on offer – whilst still offering a great choice for our students
- Introducing after school clubs and selling our fresh range at cost price – helping to minimise waste and offer extra value to students

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Increase in School Food Tariffs and a New Menu from 9th May 2023

However, the message today is that whilst we have tried to reduce costs where we can, we must pass on some of the increases to our customers.

We have done everything we can to try and keep the School Main Meal deal price the same at £2.30 per meal for the last 3 years but this will now increase to £2.50 per main meal deal from next week to ensure that we can maintain the quality and the portion sizes. As part of the Meal Deal, students can have the main meal of the day (veg or non-veg) and a small drink or dessert of the day. We will also be applying an average of 5% tariff increase on the rest of the menu items.

We have good market intelligence to suggest that inflation will slow towards the end of this year and return to normal levels in 2024.

We are also launching a new Menu to focus more on healthy eating and working with the School to further encourage students to make healthy choices.

Thank you for your continued help, support and understanding.

We are positive that, by working collaboratively, we will continue to meet any future challenges.

Kind Regards

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WEEK 1

Classic Favourites
MONDAY 

SOUTHERN STYLE
TUESDAY 

Great British Roast
WEDNESDAY 

KURRY
THURSDAY 

Fish & Chips
FRIDAY 

MAIN MEAL

CHICKEN STROGANOFF
Rice

LAMB LASAGNE
Homemade Garlic Bread

SALT & PEPPER ROAST CHICKEN LEG
Potatoes, Gravy

CHICKEN DOPIAZA
Rice

CHIP SHOP 'FRYDAY' FISH/PIZZA OR SALMON FISHCAKES
Chips

VEGETARIAN MEAL

MUSHROOM STROGANOFF
Rice

VEGETABLE & BEAN LASAGNE
Homemade Garlic Bread

MACARONI CHEESE

PANEER & CHICKPEA CURRY
Rice

CHIPOTLE QUORN TORTILLA
Chips

VEGETABLE

STEAMED BROCCOLI

GARDEN SALAD

SEASONAL VEGETABLES MIXED SALAD

CORIANDER & ONION SALAD

TOMATO SALSA PEAS

PASTA POTS

TOMATO & BASIL

CHEF SPECIAL

TOMATO & BASIL

CHEF SPECIAL

TOMATO & BASIL

JACKET POTATO

TOPPED WITH A CHOICE OF CHEESE, TUNA OR BEANS

DESSERT

BERRY & APPLE CRUMBLE
Custard

CORNFLAKE CRISPY CAKE

PEAR & COCOA SPONGE
Custard

APPLE & CHOCOLATE PINWHEEL

CHEF SPECIAL

FRUIT

SELECTION OF FRUIT DAILY

YOGHURT POTS

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TRY OUR HOME-MADE **SOUP**
WITH FRESHLY BAKED BREAD

LOOK OUT FOR AMAZING BLUE DOT MEAL DEALS


PIZZAS, WRAPS & PANINIS
FRESH OPTIONS EVERY DAY

TAKE HOME A TAKEAWAY
Collect Before You Go Home

LUNCH MEAL DEAL
Check out what's on offer today!


WATCH OUT FOR OUR **POP UP & STREET FOOD PROMOTIONS**

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WEEK 2

Classic Favourites
MONDAY 

SOUTHERN STYLE
TUESDAY 

Great British Roast
WEDNESDAY 

CURRY
THURSDAY 

Fish & Chips
FRIDAY 

MAIN MEAL

MACARONI CHEESE WITH A SELECTION OF TOPPINGS

LAMB CHILLI CON CARNE

Rice & Nachos

ROAST TURKEY DINNER

Roast Potatoes, Gravy

CARIBBEAN CHICKEN CURRY

Rice

CHIP SHOP 'FRYDAY' FISH/PIZZA OR SALMON FISHCAKES

Chips

VEGETARIAN MEAL

MACARONI CHEESE WITH A SELECTION OF TOPPINGS

PLANT BASED CHILLI

Rice, Nachos

ROASTED BUTTERNUT SQUASH & EDAMAME BEAN WELLINGTON

Roast Potatoes, Gravy

REGGAE REGGAE SWEET POTATO CURRY

Rice

VEGAN FALAFEL BURGER

Chips

VEGETABLE

SALAD

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SEASONAL VEGETABLES

GINGER FRIED GREENS

NAKED SLAW PEAS

PASTA POTS

TOMATO & BASIL

CHEF SPECIAL

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DESSERT

JAM SPONGE
Custard

PEAR & GINGER CRUMBLE

Cinnamon Custard

CHOCOLATE SPONGE

Chocolate Sauce

APPLE & BLACKBERRY CRUMBLE

Custard

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WEDNESDAY



KURRY

THURSDAY



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FRIDAY



MAIN MEAL

BBQ CHICKEN FAJITA

Vegetable Rice

LAMB & TOMATO RAGOUT

Pasta

LEMON & THYME ROAST CHICKEN DINNER

Roast Potatoes, Gravy

CHICKEN KORMA

Rice

CHIP SHOP 'FRYDAY' FISH/PIZZA OR SALMON FISHCAKES

Chips

VEGETARIAN MEAL

FALAFEL & VEGETABLE FAJITA

Vegetable Rice

PLANT BASED RAGOUT

Pasta

ROAST BEETROOT, ONION & GOATS CHEESE PUFF PASTRY

SQUASH, CHICKPEA & SPINACH KORMA

Rice

VEGAN ONION BHAJI BURGER

Chips

VEGETABLE

SPICED SLAW

SALAD

SEASONAL VEGETABLES MIXED SALAD

ONION SALAD

PEAS SLAW

PASTA POTS

TOMATO & BASIL

CHEF SPECIAL

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JACKET POTATO

TOPPED WITH A CHOICE OF CHEESE, TUNA OR BEANS

DESSERT

APPLE & BERRY PIE

Custard

WARM CHOCOLATE BROWNIE

Chocolate Sauce

LEMON SPONGE

Custard

SPICED APPLE SPONGE

Cinnamon Custard

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