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Dear Parents,

School Meals

We write to advise you that with effect from **Monday 3rd April 2017**, the cost of a school meal will rise to £2.30 per day (£11.50 per week). We apologise that it is necessary to increase the cost of a school meal but this now brings the school in line with Staffordshire County Council's charging structure.

As Staffordshire County Council delegated the catering budgets to primary schools and these arrangements mean that the school has now adopted a NO DEBT policy relating to the school meals service. Along with all other schools, we are charged for the number of meals served; therefore debt arising from non-payment of school meals would mean that the school budget has to pay for them. This means that money which should be spent on children's education would have to be used to pay for debts incurred by parents. Every parent will agree that this is unacceptable and we request that parents give us their full support in this matter. Parents are requested to pay in advance for school meals by sending cash or a cheque (made payable to Staffordshire County Council) in a marked envelope. Payment may be made weekly, monthly or termly.

We appreciate that the majority of our parents already pay regularly in advance for school meals for which we thank you. Thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely,

Miss S J Clarke
Headteacher