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Dear Parents and Carers,

Increase in the Cost of School Meals from Monday 19th April 2021

We have successfully held our price of £2.10 per meal at Willenhall Community Primary School for a number of years now. However, despite our best efforts, the price of £2.10 does not cover the total cost of the school meals.

This has meant that for a number of years the school has paid the difference between the price charged to parents and the price charged to us (as a school) by our catering service. The governing body have explored alternatives but due to budget cuts the school is unable to continue to subsidise the school meals and we have had to take the decision to raise the price of school meals.

From Monday 19th April 2021 the price of a school meal will increase to £2.20 per meal (£11.00 per week). This increase does not fully cover the total cost of school meals, however we feel this is a fair increase and will help to partially reduce the cost to the school.

This change will **not** affect any children who are entitled to Universal Infant Free School Meals (those children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2) or those children from Years 3 to 6 who are entitled to Free School Meals. If you are unsure whether your child/children may be eligible, please contact the school office and a member of the administration team will be happy to help you.

If you think your family is eligible and you haven't made an application or your child prefers a packed lunch from home we still encourage you to apply. Due to the government's roll out of Universal Credit, free school meal eligibility is protected for a number of years. This means that a child will continue to be eligible for free school meals until they leave Year 6, **even if a parent's financial circumstances change.**

Yours sincerely,

The Governing Body and Senior Leadership Team



Ambitious young minds are the future leaders of our community

