



# Baines' Endowed

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Dear Parent/Carer,

## School Meal Service – Changes to Daily Cost

In recent years, many schools across the country have increased the cost of their dinners from the average £2.00 to £2.10, or in many cases, to £2.20.

Due to increases in costs over the years, we can no longer afford to provide meals at a cost of £2.00 and have had to make the decision to **increase the daily cost for a school meal to £2.10 per meal, taking the weekly amount from £10.00 to £10.50.**

For parents of those pupils who currently have a school meal, you will appreciate the value for money the meal represents. Our catering contractors, Mellors, provide excellent, freshly cooked, nutritious meals of which there is a different selection each day.

Whilst this price increase **will not affect children in the Reception and KS1 classes, or those currently eligible for a Free School Meal, it will affect families who pay for their child's meal.** The changes to the cost for a school meal will **come into effect from the 24<sup>th</sup> February 2020.** This date has been chosen to allow parents to prepare for the increase in cost.

For those parents who **may be eligible for Free School Meals**, but have not yet registered, **we would strongly recommend that you check your eligibility.** Information on how to do this can be found overleaf. You can also find information on the school website, or through asking a member of the office staff. Applying for a Free Meal has no stigma attached to it and information on pupil eligibility is maintained in a confidential manner.

In addition to your child receiving a free meal, they become eligible for Pupil Premium funding. This funding can be claimed on your behalf by the school, which enables us to provide additional resources and vital support in class; it can also be used to reduce costs to school trips and clubs for children who are in the Pupil Premium group. Further information is available from the school website.

If you have any queries regarding this price increase, applying for Free School Meals or the use of Pupil Premium please contact Mrs. Cooke in the school office.

Yours sincerely

Mrs. Debi Rusling  
Headteacher

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