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Dear parents & carers

Important Update: School Meal Prices and Free School Meal Allowance

We are writing to inform you of an upcoming change to the price of our school meals, which will take effect from **1st November 2026**.

We fully appreciate that the cost of living continues to be a challenge for many families. For a considerable time, we have absorbed rising food and supplier costs to keep our meal prices as low as possible for as long as we could. However, due to ongoing inflationary pressures, we have unfortunately reached a point where a price increase is necessary to maintain the quality and nutritional standard of the food we serve.

To help keep daily meal costs manageable for students, we offer a range of Meal Deals that provide a balanced meal at a set, discounted rate. We strongly encourage students to take advantage of these options and further details can be found on our website at <https://www.wchs.co/lunch-menus-1>

Additionally, to help reduce everyday expenses, we encourage all students to bring a refillable water bottle to school each day. A refill station is available, allowing students to stay hydrated throughout the day without needing to purchase drinks.

Free School Meal Allowance

In response to this price adjustment, we are pleased to confirm that the daily Free School Meal (FSM) allowance has been increased to £2.65.

If your child is eligible for Free School Meals, please remember that their daily allowance includes:

- Breakfast: £1.00
- Lunchtime: £2.65

If you think your family may be eligible for Free School Meals but have not yet applied, we strongly encourage you to do so. Applying ensures your child receives their daily meal allowance and helps the school access additional funding to support our students. You can find more information at <https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools-and-education/free-school-meals/>

We thank you for your understanding and continued support.

Yours faithfully,

Mr A Oliver
Headteacher



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