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Dear Parents,

School Meals

I am writing to let you know that we need to adjust the cost of our school meals. This will mean that we can continue to provide nutritious lunches while ensuring the schools across our trust remain financially sustainable.

From October half term onwards, the cost of school meals at Earith will be £2.73 per day, reflecting a 5% increase. I hope that sharing this in advance with you now will help you prepare for the change.

I can assure you this is not a decision we have taken lightly, however as I know you will be aware, we are all facing growing costs due to food inflation. In addition to this, National Insurance contributions are increasing, and these increases mean that we must make adjustments.

The total increase in costs to us is 6%. We have worked hard to minimise the increase to parents and have adjusted our budget to absorb some of the costs, however we will need to pass on 5% of this increase.

This is the first increase we have made to school meals at Earith for a number of years.

The increase in price will allow us to maintain the high quality of food that pupils need and deserve and I can assure that this is being managed with careful consideration, with pupils' best interests in mind. All the income from school meals goes into the cost of providing the meals, including food, staffing and operating costs.

Our provision of Free School Meals will be unaffected by this change. You can find out more about qualifying for free school meals here:

[Cambridgeshire Schools](#)

We remain committed to offering excellent value for money while supporting the health and wellbeing of our whole school community.

Please do not hesitate to contact the Head Teacher if you would like to discuss this or have any concerns.

Thank you for your understanding.

Yours sincerely,

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