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Dear Parents and Guardians,

School Tariff Price Increase

We are writing to inform you about an upcoming change in the school lunch Tarrif. Effective from 22ND April 2025, there will be an 2.5% increase to the tariff.

We understand that this news may come as a disappointment, and we want to express our sincere apologies that such an uplift is necessary. The decision to adjust the prices was not made lightly, but it has become necessary due to several factors.

Since our last price increase in September 23 food inflation has continued at 1.9% and is further projected at 4.2%. While this alone is significant, the primary factors driving the need for our increase are related to labour costs. In April, national living wage rates will increase by 6.7%, and national insurance rates by 1.2%. Moreover, the legislative change for the national insurance contribution threshold is reducing from £9,000 to £5,000, the impact of this is the most significant.

Despite our best efforts to mitigate these rising costs, we find ourselves in a position where an increase to tariff is unavoidable. We are committed to continuing to provide high-quality meals for your children and ensuring that the service we offer meets the highest standards.

We appreciate your understanding and support as we navigate these challenges.

Sincerely,

Claire Rowland
Operations Director
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