

Colnbrook C. of E. Primary School

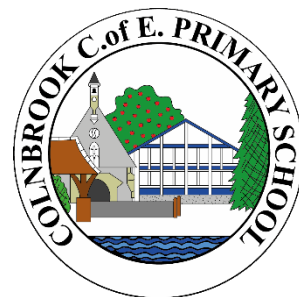
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Dear Parents and Carers

I am writing to inform you that, after careful consideration, we will be increasing the cost of school meals from February 2023.

We have not taken this decision lightly and appreciate the impact this will have on already stretched family finances. The school is facing significant price rises in both food production and delivery costs which the school and wider Academy Trust can no longer continue to absorb entirely. The price rise we are planning is the lowest possible and the school will continue to subsidise the cost of meals.

The price increase for pupils at Colnbrook Primary School will be 40p per meal, making the new total cost £2.60 per meal, which includes a main meal option and dessert. This increase will take effect from Monday 20th February 2023, following the half term break.

The government is continuing to support Universal Infant School Meals for all children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. We encourage parents with children in these year groups to take advantage of the catering facilities in school as children can receive a meal free of charge every day.

There is financial support available that you may be entitled to. Your child may be able to have free school meals if you receive any of the following:

- Income support;
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance;
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance;
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999;
- The guaranteed element of Pension Credit;
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190);
- Working Tax Credit run-on - this is paid for four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit;
- Universal Credit - your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and other benefits).

If you are eligible for free meals, please contact the school for a form which must be completed as soon as possible. Free school meals cannot be provided until the school has received the form and has been verified by the council.

If you have any difficulty making payment for school meals, please contact the school office as soon as possible and speak to Mrs Smith, Home School Link worker. All queries and requests for support will be treated confidentially and we will work with you to ensure a solution is found.

I appreciate your ongoing support and understanding.

Yours sincerely,

Mr. T. Brunson
Headteacher