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Dear Parents / Carers,

I am writing to you today with an update regarding our catering arrangements.

As you may know, our school meals are provided by Aspens Services. This company operates across the majority of schools within the Cabot Learning Federation. We are committed to working with Aspens to ensure our school continues to offer nutritious, diverse, and culturally inclusive meals, including vegetarian and vegan options, school favourites, and dishes inspired by global cuisines.

For the past 2.5 years, the price of a school meal has remained at £2.40. This has been achievable despite the cost of food, staffing, and other essential services rising substantially. However, following a detailed review of the catering provision, we have found the current pricing no longer covers the cost.

We understand that any increase in expenses can be a concern for families, and we are doing everything we can to keep meals at an affordable level while also preserving high standards. Therefore, from the **16th June 2025**, the price of a school meal will increase to **£2.75**, and all individual menu items will increase by 5%. This new price has been decided following a thorough benchmarking review of operating costs and service sustainability.

Free School Meals (FSM)

If your child is eligible for Free School Meals, the allowance will increase to £2.75 from 16th June 2025. For students not currently entitled to FSM, you may qualify if you receive any of the following benefits:

- Income support
- Income-based Jobseekers Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (without Working Tax Credit and income below £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on (for 4 weeks after stopping eligibility)
- Universal Credit (with household income under £7,400/year after tax)

How to apply

Applying is quick and confidential. Visit <https://n-somerset.gov.uk/my-services/schools-learning/local-schools/free-school-meals>

If you have any questions, concerns or need help, please don't hesitate to contact us at the Academy.

Yours sincerely,

Adrian Esch
Principal



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