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School Meal Provision

Dear Parents/Carers,

As you are aware we at Haimo provide a healthy hot meal for all children who wish to take it. Children from Reception and KS1 receive them without charge as part of the Universal Infant Free School Meals initiative. Parents with children from years 3 to 6 who wish their child to take a hot meal pay a daily charge that is, at present, £1.80.

This is heavily subsidised by Haimo as the actual charge to the school by our catering suppliers is £2.59 per day. Our budgets are very tight and, from information we have received from Central Government, they will continue to be significantly reduced. With this in mind, we can no longer justify such a heavy subsidy.

This being the case we have decided that we must increase the price of our school meals in stages until it is in line with the actual cost that the school is charged by the catering provider, GS Plus. From Tuesday 17th April the cost of a hot meal will rise from £1.80 (£9 per week) to £2.20 (£11 per week).

Parent and carers who are in receipt of certain benefits may not only be eligible for free school meals but additional funding including clothing grants and daily milk. Those benefits are listed below.

- Income Support
- Income based Jobseekers Allowance
- Income based Employment Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Pensions Credit (if in receipt of Child Tax Credit at a higher rate than basic family element)
- Child Tax Credit with a household income below the relevant threshold, currently £16,190
- Child Tax Credit at a higher rate than basic family element

Those considered eligible for free school meals as a result of the benefits they receive help to boost the income of the school as this is one of the indicators in determining the school's budget by Central Government. If you would like any help with claiming the extra funding please do not hesitate to come to the office where the office team will be glad to assist.

We are sure that you will support this decision, as it is important to provide the best value for money for all children here at Haimo School.

Yours Sincerely

Ms K Barnes
Headteacher