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Dear Parents and Carers

Increase in Cost of School Meals

We have held our price for school meals at Barnby Dun Primary Academy very successfully for over six years now at £2.00 per lunch. However, despite our best efforts the price of £2.00 does not enable us to cover the total cost of the school dinner and we have just been informed that prices are rising again. Unfortunately this means that we must raise the cost of school meals. We have not taken this decision lightly, but continuing to subsidise school meals from other areas of our already stretched budget would mean that money available for teaching and learning would be greatly impacted - affecting every pupil in the school.

As a result, we have taken the decision that the price of a school meal will increase to **£2.50 per meal** from September 2018. This represents the cost charged to the school; no profit is made on school meal charges. We feel that given the quality of the meal and the options available that this still represents good value for money.

Please note that this change will not affect those who are entitled to free school meals through the Universal Free School Meals programme in Reception and in Years 1 and 2. It will also not affect children in Key Stage 2 who have access to free school meals.

However, we understand that this may cause hardship for some families and if you feel this will affect you, then we would urge you to check if your family would be entitled to free school meals by going online to the DMBC website at <http://www.doncaster.gov.uk/services/schools/free-school-meals>. If your family are entitled to income based free school meals, we would encourage you to make an application as there are other additional benefits attached.

Thank you for your support

Miss C Robinson
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