



Dear Parent,

The price of school meals will rise from £2.30 to £2.50 from January 1<sup>st</sup> 2019. It is with a great deal of reluctance that we have to pass on this increase but there are a number of factors which have contributed to this decision. Following the introduction of the minimum wage; a very important and necessary government bill, this increase has to be added to the price of meals. The price of foodstuffs has risen considerably so this also has to be taken into account as does the cost of rising utility bills. Despite media reports intuing that schools are receiving greater funding than before, this is not the case and we cannot subsidise the rising cost of school meals.

I wanted to give you notice of this change as soon as possible and I am sure that you will agree that this still represents good value for money for your child/children. The benefits of a wholesome, hot meal at lunchtime are well-known and the choices that are offered ensure that children have something to eat which they enjoy and help to maintain their energy levels for the afternoon.

Thank you as always for your support.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "J.A. Ratcliffe".

Mrs J.A. Ratcliffe

Headteacher