

25<sup>th</sup> September 2023



Dear Parent/Carer,

**School Meal Price Increase**

I am writing to inform you that we have received notification from Bristol City Council of an increase to the cost of school meals. With effect from Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> October the cost of a school meal will increase by 20p and will now cost £2.60. For those students who qualify for free school meals they will receive a credit to their lunch account for an equivalent value.

The existing "Meal Deal" tariff/charge has remained the same since September 2013 but with rising labour and food costs the above increase has been necessary to protect the quality of the student catering service and ensure there is inclusivity for free school meal students plus price points to fit all budgets.

We appreciate that many families circumstances have changed and that you may currently be facing financial hardship. If you receive any of the allowances below and your child is not currently entitled to free school meals we would recommend that you make a new application for free school meals via the link here: <https://apply.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/link2ict>

- 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 - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

If you need any help with your application, please contact us and we will be happy to support in any way that we can.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "S. L. Saunders".

**Sandra Saunders**  
**Operations Manager**

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