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**BY EMAIL: All Parents/Carers – DNEAT primary academies**

1 July 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

**Update on Paid School Meal Prices – Effective September 2025**

With effect from the beginning of the next term (3<sup>rd</sup> September 2025), the cost of paid school meals will increase slightly from £2.70 to £2.80 per meal.

This price increase does not affect the Free School Meal entitlement. If your child is eligible to receive free school meals (if you are in receipt of a qualifying benefit), then your child's meals will continue to be free. If you think, you could be eligible for free school meals then please check [www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals](http://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals)

We do understand that any cost increase will have an impact on families. Importantly, this 3.7% increase remains below the national Food Inflation Index rate of 4.4%, and we remain committed to keeping meals as affordable as possible for families.

Our school meals continue to provide excellent value, offering nutritious, balanced lunches that support children's health, learning, and wellbeing throughout the school day. Nourish, our catering supplier, have a new app that we are looking at with them and hope to be able to share with you in due course.

Yours faithfully,



**Mr Oliver Burwood**

Chief Executive Officer, DNEAT