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Dear Parents/Carers

Increase in the cost of school meals

As everyone is sadly aware, the cost of food, together with the cost of gas and electricity, have both risen significantly, meaning the current price of a school meal does not enable us to cover the costs.

As a result, we have had to take the decision to increase the cost of school meals to £2.50 per day, £12.50 per week with effect from when we return to school after the Easter break on Monday 25th April. This increase is in line with advice received from our Catering Support department at East Riding Council.

We are confident that our meals still represent great value for money. They are cooked on the premises to a very high standard. All foods served are free from artificial colours, additives and nuts. In addition, menus conform with regulations relating to a balanced diet and allergens.

If you think your child/ren may be entitled to free school meals please contact East Riding Council and make an application. You can find out more and a link to the online form at: <u>https://www.eastriding.gov.uk/housing/housing-benefit-and-council-tax-support/other-</u> <u>available-benefits/</u> If you need any further information or support with this please ask at the school office.

We receive extra funding for children entitled to free school meals and, therefore, those children can access breakfast club, music lessons and school visits for free too. In addition, the school also receives more funds to spend on helping children learn. We urge anyone who thinks they may be entitled to check and apply.

Our preferred method of payment is via Pay360, where you can use your debit or credit card to make secure payments and instantly see your child's dinner money balance. If you do want to send money please use a sealed envelope labelled with the child's name, the amount and days they wish to have a meal. Please remember that all school meals should be paid for in advance.

