



Birches First School

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Dear Parents

I am writing to inform you that, after careful consideration, we are having to increase the cost of school meals.

Following the significant higher costs that we are now facing for our gas and electricity along with the food and non-food inflation costs increasing over 6% we are now at the point where we need to look at our price per meal costs.

From 6th June we will be increasing the cost of a daily meal to £2.60 and then from the new academic year 5th September this charge will be increased to £2.90.

Birches healthy school meals are cooked daily on the premises with the option of pre ordering a sandwich. Our menus are updated and posted on our website every half term.

The Government have continued to support the Universal Infant Free School meals project and this means that all of the children, from Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 can be provided with a school meal free of charge. If your child is in Year 3 or Year 4 they can also have a free school meal if you are in receipt of certain allowances. For further information please contact the office.

If there is a difficulty in providing payment for meals via ParentPay, please contact the school office. As such any request will be dealt with confidentially. We are always happy to help and support families to ensure all children have access to a Birches school meal.

Yours sincerely

Miss Varricchine

Headteacher