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Dear Parent/Guardian

CHARGES FOR SCHOOL MEALS PROVISION FROM SEPTEMBER 2026

As with all schools and academies it is necessary for us to review the cost of a school meal from time to time, particularly at this time of high inflation in food and energy costs.

In determining the cost of school meals, providers need to take account of food ingredients, costs of food production, staff pay, staffing levels and staff training costs.

WISE Academies has a policy of ensuring that we will not charge any child a meal price that is higher than the cost of producing that meal.

I can confirm that the daily price of a school meal prices with effect from September 2026 will be £2.50 per child.

In undertaking this review of school meals, careful attention was paid to comparative process in other schools and academies in the area. The charge for our school meals remains lower than many other schools and continues to represent great value.

Because we operate our own kitchens rather than relying on an external supplier, this gives us greater control over costs to ensure that meals remain affordable. It also means that we can ensure that children are given an appropriate choice of meals and that the meals meet nutritional standards.

Of course, all infant children will continue to receive free school meals and all other pupils who are eligible to receive free school meals will also see no difference. If you are not in receipt of free school meals and would like to check whether you are eligible we would strongly encourage you to contact the office staff at the academy who will advise you how to make a free school meals application.

Yours sincerely

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