

To- Parents and Carers

23<sup>rd</sup> November 2022

Dear Parents and Carer

I am sorry to inform you that due to the ever increasing food and labour cost, TCS need to increase the pupil school meal price to £2.25 starting on 1<sup>st</sup> January 2023 after the Christmas break.

This is not a decision that has been taken lightly, we have always tried to keep the cost to our customers as low as possible and we sincerely hope you will continue to support your school meal service.

In setting the meal price we have worked hard to achieve a lunch time menu that is of the highest quality but still affordable to the parents.

**Food Costs** – Despite continually increasing fresh food costs we believe that it is still very important to use fresh, Farm Assured produce from local farms, supporting local businesses, and we continue to do this wherever possible.

Over the years we have developed excellent working relationships with our suppliers and negotiated good purchasing arrangements. Our meal price has benefited from these arrangements, but these companies are also having difficulty in meeting costs and prices have been considerably increased.

**Labour Costs** – In April the minimum wage will rise again and this will have a significant impact on our business

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your custom and hope you understand our situation and sincerely hope you will continue to support your school meal service.

Yours sincerely



Gill Russell  
Contract Manager