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The Headteacher

Dear Headteacher

Services to Schools – School Catering Costs

I wrote in October 2023 to inform you that the formal decision of our Cabinet Member taken in September to increase school meal prices was being considered under the Authority's call-in process.

This process has now concluded, and we are now in a position to implement the proposed meal prices we had originally communicated in early September. The new prices will be implemented from Monday 4th December 2023, and for ease are detailed in the table below.

Meal Charges	Current	Monday 4th December 2023
Pupil paid two course meal.	£2.55	£2.95
UIFSM	£2.41	£2.53
Pupil premium free meal	£2.47	£2.53
Adult meal	£2.55	£2.95
VAT element charged by school to customer.	£0.51	£0.59
	£3.06 – Total charge	£3.54 – Total charge

The individual meal charges above levied on the schools will of course contribute to meeting the Guaranteed Forecast Price figure for the 2023/24 financial year. Even though the price increases will now be implemented 7 weeks later than the 16th of October date originally proposed, the Council will honour the guaranteed forecast price provided to you in my letter in early September.

Once again, thank you for your patience during this period.

Please do not hesitate to contact CustomerInfo@nottsc.gov.uk if we can be of any further assistance at this time.

Yours sincerely

Mark Walker
**Interim Service Director
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