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Dear Parent/Carer

As you will be aware, school meal prices have been set at the same price for several years at £2.05 per day. Maltby Learning Trust has maintained these prices for as long as possible to avoid the financial impact that we know any increases will have on our parents.

There have however, been several significant widely publicised increases in supplier costs including food and energy price increases that we are all experiencing in our own households, and we can no longer maintain the subsidy to offset these costs.

Hopefully you will agree that since we have entered our new catering contract with ABM, the quality of the food has improved, and significant investment is underway to improve the dining experience for the students across all our sites.

Unfortunately, we do need to increase the costs of a school meal as the service currently runs at a loss, meaning each year the schools must use some of their funds to offset the cost of the school meals. With effect from 1 April the price of a school meal will now be £2.25. We hope you will agree that this still represents good value and is competitive against other local schools.

Price increases have been applied in other areas due to the widely publicised increases in supplier costs which we are all experiencing when we shop in the supermarkets.

We will continue to collate feedback from students on all changes and improvements to the daily food offer to ensure that the service continues to give them the choices they want and drives continual improvement.

Yours faithfully

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