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Dear Parent/Carer

## **Re: Dinner Money Payments**

I am writing to inform you that the cost of school dinners is increasing with effect from  $1^{st}$  September 2018. From then the daily cost will be £2.05 which means that the weekly cost will be £10.25.

The government have confirmed that they will continue to provide Universal Free School Meals to children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. Therefore you do not need to pay any dinner money. If your child is going into Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 or Year 6 in September you will need to pay dinner money as detailed below (unless you are entitled to Free School Meals). Unfortunately, the government scheme does not include Nursery and therefore parents of those children will also need to pay for school dinners should they require them.

I would be very grateful if you could provide the correct money or cheque in a sealed envelope with your child's name and class on it. This should be handed in by your child, to their teacher on a Monday morning or handed in at the school office.

As a result of non-payment of dinner money across the county, we have been issued with new guidance which states that all dinner money must be paid one week in advance which means you should pay on a Monday for that week. In order to stop dinner money debt building up, your child will be required to go onto packed lunches until the debt is cleared.

It is your responsibility to ensure your dinner money is paid on time. Text reminders from the school are merely a courtesy and should not be relied upon as a prompt to pay.

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If you wish to pay for the whole half term (5.9.18 - 19.10.18) the cost will be £67.65. If you wish to pay for the full autumn term (5.09.18 - 21.12.18) the cost will be £149.65.

Thank you for your cooperation with this matter.

Yours sincerely

Mr S Myers Head Teacher