

19<sup>th</sup> February 2026

Dear Parent Carer

With the continual challenges we are facing in terms of food inflation and the additional rise in National Minimum Wage and to ensure a sustainable and nutritious meal is provided to the Children, it has been necessary to agree a price increase in relation to the Primary School meal.

From Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2026, Primary School Meals will be charged at £3.08 per day.

The Council and a representation of Primary School leaders undertook a full and transparent review of costs and accepted the new price on the basis that this will be fixed until 31<sup>st</sup> March 2027.

If your child or children attend an infant school or infant class from Reception to Year 2 (KS1) then school meals will continue to be free to them under the government Universal Infant Free School Meal Scheme.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully,

Durham School Meals Board

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