

School Meals and Nursery Fee: Notice of Pricing Changes from September 2024

Dear Families,

With the continued increase in food prices and increasing staff costs, it has become even more challenging to maintain the prices of school meals and paid nursery spaces. I am writing to you to inform you that there will be a small increase in the price of school meals and paid nursery spaces.

Last year we made small increases after a long period of unchanged prices. We now find ourselves in a climate where the prices will need to be reviewed regularly to keep up with increasing costs of staffing, food and energy. We have tried to keep increases to a minimum and we have benchmarked with other local schools to ensure that our prices also reflect local offers.

The increases will apply from September 2024.

School Meals Pricing

From 1st September 2024 all school meals will cost £2.75, an increase of 15p. If you believe that you may be eligible for Free School Meals, then please do speak to the school office. They will be able to help and ensure that your child can access funding that they are entitled to.

If you are eligible for Free School Meals but send your child with a packed lunch, then we also ask that you talk to the office as we would be able to claim Pupil Premium funding which will support your child's education provision.

Do not forget that if your child is **in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2 they are automatically entitled to a free school dinner** as part of the Universal Infant Free School Meals. Talk to the school office if you would like your child to have a school dinner.

Nursery Fees Hourly Pricing

As of 1st September 2024, nursery fees for **2-year-olds will be £5.25 per hour** and nursery fees for **3- and 4-year-olds will be £4.75 per hour**. This is a 5% increase to reflect the staffing costs.

The good news is that how the government fund nursery spaces has been changed and working families can access more funding for their child. For eligible working families children aged 2-4 years old can access up to 30 hours of funded nursery provision. Please get in touch with the school office if you would like to know more. You may be eligible for more hours that are funded.

We will continue to review the prices each year and inform you at least one term in advance. We will continually seek to reduce prices without compromising the quality of food and nursery provision that your child can access.

Yours sincerely,



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For and on behalf of the Learning Academy Partnership (South West)