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School Meal price increase

Dear Parents and Carers,

In the past, we have been able to subsidise the costs of school meals for everyone who pays for them. The cost to the school is £2.59 per meal per day but we have only been charging you £1.60. This means a cost to the school of 99p per meal per day.

Unfortunately, due to the pressures on school budgets we now find ourselves in a position where we are unable to continue with this level of subsidy. In addition GS Plus, the catering company who provide our school meals, have raised the price to £2.79 per meal following the increase of the London Living Wage from April 1st 2017.

In consultation with our governing bodies we are increasing the charge for a school meal to **£1.80 per day** (£9.00 per week) from the **18th of April 2017**. Please remember that all lunches are freshly cooked in our own kitchens and GS Plus uses only organic ingredients; therefore £1.80 is still very good value for money. **From September 2017 the price will increase further to £2.00 per meal per day (£10 per week).**

Due to continued pressures on the London Living Wage and potential food price increases, all Thamesmead schools will be keeping the cost of school meals under review and there will be no further increases until September 2018 at the earliest.

Finally, regardless of which year group your child is in, if you are in receipt of any of the following benefits, then please see a member of the school office as you may be eligible for free school meals, which raises an additional £ 1320 of pupil premium income per pupil for the school:

- Income support
- Income-based job seekers allowance
- Income -related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Pension Credit Guarantee and Child tax Credits

Please do not hesitate to contact us should you require any help or further information.

Yours sincerely,

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