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## Changes to Meal Pricing and Allergy Identification

Dear Families,

I am writing to inform you of some changes to the catering provision within school.

For many years, we have worked with the Nottinghamshire County Council Catering Team to provide delicious and nutritious school meals for our children. Recently, the Nottinghamshire Catering Team has been taken over by an external company, which has introduced changes to both the cost of school meals and the way food allergies are managed.

Unfortunately, as a result of these changes, the cost of a main meal will increase to **£3.40 from September 2026**.

This change does not impact those children who access meals through the Pupil Premium Grant or those children in EYFS, Year 1 and Year 2, who receive Universal Free Meals.

School has no control over the pricing of meals. We have also experienced a substantial increase in the cost of the catering contract due to the introduction of new suppliers. School leaders and Governors are working hard behind the scenes to explore possible solutions to these increased costs; however, it will not be possible to implement any changes before September 2026.

The company has also changed the way allergies are identified and managed at lunchtime. They will now only recognise the 14 major allergens identified in food legislation and will provide meals to accommodate these allergies, rather than some of the bespoke meals that were previously available.

The key allergens are:

### 14 FOOD ALLERGENS



If we currently hold allergy information for your child, we will be contacting you in the near future to review and update our records. If your child has recently been diagnosed with one of these allergens, or if their allergy information has changed, please contact the school office so that our records can be updated accordingly.

We apologise for these changes, which are unfortunately beyond the school's control, and we thank you for your understanding and continued support as we work through this transition.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Mr Snelling