

9th July 2026

Dear Parent/ Carer,

School Dinner Costs from 1st September 2026

I write to inform you that from 1st September 2026 the cost of a school meal will increase from £2.70 per day to £3.00 per day.

This decision has not been taken lightly. We recognise that any increase in household costs can have an impact on families, and we have worked hard for many years to keep increases as minimal as possible. However, the rising cost of ingredients, energy, staffing and other operational expenses means that this increase is necessary to ensure we can continue to provide high-quality, nutritious meals for our pupils.

For this price, children are provided with an excellent two-course meal from which they can choose hot or cold options; a carbohydrate such as rice or potato; vegetables; and a choice of dessert (many of which are made by the school). In addition, children have access to a salad bar.

Our catering team is committed to offering a varied and balanced menu ([which can be seen via our school website](#)) that meets national school food standards while providing children with healthy, enjoyable meals each day. The school's Catering Team have already begun working towards the 'new school food standards' that will come into force from September 2027. The revised price will help us maintain these standards and continue to offer the quality of service that our children deserve. For those of you who enjoy joining your child for a lunch, the price of an adult visitor meal will remain at £5.50.

If your child is entitled to Free School Meals, this change will not affect you. If you think your circumstances may mean your child is eligible, we encourage you to contact the school office or [visit the Cambridgeshire CCC website here for further information](#), as registering can provide additional support for both your family and the school.

We appreciate your understanding and continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Mr. Liam Murphy
Co-Headteacher, Crosshall Junior School