

Thursday 3rd March 2022

Dear Parents,

As you are aware, lunch is an important part of the school day. A healthy, nutritious, balanced school lunch can lead to better health and a better academic performance. All our meals are made from scratch, and Devon Norse only uses quality local produce. We have held our price for school lunches for as long as we could, however, despite our best efforts, the price of £2.45 does not enable us to cover the total cost of the school meal. Due to price increases in several areas, we have been left with no alternative other than to increase the cost of school lunches. We have explored other alternatives, but unfortunately to subsidise school meals from other areas of our budget would mean that money available for teaching and learning would be impacted.

As a result, we have taken the difficult decision to increase the cost of our school lunches to £2.50 per meal from 25th April 2022. This is in line with other local schools, many of whom already charge £2.50. This change will not affect those who are entitled to free school meals through the Universal Free School Meals programme in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. It will also not affect children in Key Stage 2 who have access to income based free school meals.

If you believe you may be entitled to Free School meals follow the link to apply [Free school meals - Support for schools \(devon.gov.uk\)](https://www.devon.gov.uk/free-school-meals-support-for-schools) , Devon Council will let us know as soon as possible.

We thank you in advance for your understanding.

Yours sincerely,

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