



DELVES LANE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Colleagues,

With the continual challenges we are facing in terms of inflation and energy and to ensure a sustainable and nutritious meal is provided to the Children, it has been necessary to agree a price increase in relation to the Primary School meal.

From Monday 27th February (following the half-term break) a school meal will cost £2.41 per day, this increase should be covered in your current budgets and is in line with the allocated Government Free School Meal (FSM) allowance. A further increase to £2.50 from September 2023 will be necessary, which will be protected somewhat by the July FSM allowance increase. This allows a period of certainty on the school's budgetary position till the next pricing review in April 2024.

Primary and Day Special

- Pupil £2.41
- D.C.C. Nursery £2.41
- Private Nursery (Governor Lead) £2.89 (£2.41 + 20% V.A.T.)

Adult £2.89 (£2.41 + 20% V.A.T.)

This is an unprecedented period of financial challenge across a range of Industry sectors and services, the Council and the Primary Schools Meals Board has worked hard with the current provider to agree a pricing mechanism to ensure a high quality and sustainable meal service is provided for the Children within Durham Schools.

A template letter for parents/carers is attached.

Thank you for your support.

Best wishes,

Karen

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