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Dear Parents and Carers,

HC3S School Meal Price Increase

Hampshire County Council have informed us that the Hampshire school meal price will increase from £2.40 to £2.50 with effect from 1st November 2020 for all children in Key Stage 2 (Years 3-6). This is due to the rising cost of providing school meals.

Therefore a weeks' worth of school dinners will cost £12.50. This should be paid in advance as per the school debt policy.

This increase was approved by the Executive Lead Member for Children's Services and Young People, Councillor Patricia Stallard. Councillor Stallard stated in her letter to schools: "We're very proud of the high standard of school meals that our catering service (HC3S) provides – using good quality British produce. A healthy lunch at school contributes significantly to a child's wellbeing and their capacity to learn, through to the end of the school day."

She continued: "I am keen that school meals remain affordable, but we must balance this against the increasing cost of providing those meals. Mainly this comes from the ever increasing cost of ingredients. In addition, HC3S is actively sourcing alternatives to single-use plastic across its operations, which is also projected to incur slightly higher costs, but is certainly the right thing to do in a climate emergency."

The price increase brings Hampshire in line with a number of other authorities and will allow HC3S to continue, as far as possible, to source ingredients for school meals from local suppliers.

Tucasi will be updated over the October half term to take into account this increase.

Kind regards

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