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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Nursery Meal Price Increase September 2019

Our meals are currently supplied through North Yorkshire County Caterers, The introduction of the National Living Wage in April 2018 and increased food costs have increased the cost of producing meals. We have also been told that the cost of meals will vary in different schools, depending on the individual circumstances of each school.

As a result the Governors have taken the decision to increase the price of a Nursery meal to £1.80 per day from September 2019. We believe that £1.80 for freshly cooked, 2 course healthy meal, still provides excellent value for money. Information about our school meals can be found on the following link:

<https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/school-meals>

The change will not affect those who are entitled to free school meals (FSM) through the Universal FSM programme in Reception and years 1 and 2.

The government also offer all children the opportunity to benefit from a free school meal if parents are in receipt of any of the following:

Income Support

income-based Jobseeker's Allowance

income-related Employment and Support Allowance

support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999

the guaranteed element of Pension Credit

Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)

Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit

Universal Credit - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

If your child is eligible for and getting free school meals at any time before 31 March 2022, they'll remain eligible until this date.

For more information or to apply for the basic free school meals please click the below or feel free to call into the school office where we can help you complete the process.

<https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/free-school-meals>

If you have any further questions please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Yours sincerely

Mr R Chandler

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