



6<sup>th</sup> September 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

### **Increase in cost of school meals**

We have held our price for school meals at Castle Academy very successfully for a couple of years now at £2.00 per lunch. However, despite our best efforts the price of £2.00 does not enable us to cover the total cost of the school meals at the School. This means that we must raise the cost.

We did explore other alternatives but unfortunately to subsidise school meals from other areas of our stretched budget would mean that money available for teaching and learning would be impacted. As a result we have taken the decision that the price of a school meal will increase to £2.50 per meal from 17<sup>th</sup> September 2018. This is in line with other local schools some 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 and in years 1 and 2. It will also not affect children in Key Stage 2 who have access to free school meals.

If you are unsure about your eligibility for this please speak to the School Office (01709 513010) who would be happy to assist you. Alternatively, if you would prefer, you can email confidentially on: [office@astreacastle.org](mailto:office@astreacastle.org).

Incidentally, if your family would be entitled to free school meals but you have chosen not to make an application, there are many benefits to making an application and we would encourage you to do so. Again, if you would like to know more please contact the school office.

If you would like to provide any feedback regarding the changes to payment for school meals please contact: [office@astreacastle.org](mailto:office@astreacastle.org)

Yours sincerely,

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