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Dear Parents,

As you are aware, we have managed to keep our dinner money at £2 per day (£10 a week) for many years. However extreme pressures on budget, coupled with rising food prices, mean that, with reluctance, the price will rise in September to £2.20 per day (£11 a week). This is in line with many local primary schools and cheaper than a significant number. ParentMail is proving to be a great convenience to parents ( and will be more so when all the teething problems are solved), but it, too, adds to our costs. This increase will enable Mrs. Nicholson and her team to continue to provide high quality, delicious meals.

Children in Reception, Year One and Year Two will continue to receive free meals under the Government’s Universal Infant Free Meals scheme. Parents on benefits should visit the Cumbria County Council website and search for “free meals”, to apply for their children to have school meals without paying. Even if your children already receive free meals, you need to update your application for the new term. *Infant parents on benefits, whose children already receive universal free meals, should also make the application on the Council website, to ensure they get help with uniform costs and the school receives the appropriate Pupil Premium.*

Nursery extra hours remain £8, with dinnertime supervision (including a meal) staying at £3.

The cost of wraparound is also being standardised t*o:*

 Breakfast Club – from 7am (note earlier start) up to 8.50am: £3.00

 After School care to 4pm: £3.00

 After School care after 4pm and up to 5pm: additional £3.00

As compensation and a gesture of good will, all activity clubs will be free until 4pm, with £3.00 being payable only by those parents whose children remain after the club until any time up to 5pm.

As always, please don’t hesitate to contact me if you have any queries or concerns.

Yours sincerely,



Suzanne Smith

(Headteacher)