



20th March 2024

Dear Parents/Carers

We have received notification from Bradford Council of new school meal prices. Please see below.

NOTIFICATION OF NEW SCHOOL MEALS PRICES FROM APRIL 2024 FROM BRADFORD COUNCIL

A review of all school meal prices has now been undertaken.

The outcome of this review is that, from Monday 1st April 2024, the minimum standard school meal prices will be as follows:

PRICE (per meal)	Primary Schools	£2.30
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Over the last couple of years we have continued to see a minimum 25% increase in meal ingredient costs and at least a 10% increase in labour costs, with the latter being mainly due to rises in the living wage. Yet despite these huge inflationary pressures, FM Catering have continued to minimise their impact by improving our efficiency and maintaining high meal uptake levels.

School meal prices in the Bradford district still remain amongst the lowest in the country and are excellent value for money for a nutritionally balanced 2 course set lunch. As you are no doubt aware, the Universal Infant Free School Meal government funding rate had recently increased by 12p to assist with the above pressures catering services are facing. We hope that this funding rate will increase even further in the coming months.

A further rise in October 2024 is likely to be required to keep pace with inflation. By taking these recommended small staggered approaches the burden to families struggling in the current climate will hopefully be minimised.

The benefits Services can be contacted on 01274 432771/2/3 if you qualify for free meal entitlement.

Facilities Management Catering Services