

Our Ref: GCG/KON

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**ALL PARENTS/CARERS**



Dear Parent/Carer,

**RE: School Meal Prices**

I would like to take this opportunity to let you know of some changes taking place regarding the school's catering, with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> September 2016, for the new school year.

The school has undertaken a price comparison recently against some local schools and we compared our catering offer in terms of quality and choice. Pleasingly, our research has shown that we stand up quite well. Part of the reason for this is that the quality of the produce we use is high and is certainly much better than used to be the case.

However, in common with household bills, costs have risen since we first changed our catering provider two years ago. Unfortunately, we are no longer able to continue subsidising food to keep the prices at the same level without it affecting resources in other areas. For this reason, we have taken the difficult decision to increase prices from 1<sup>st</sup> September 2016.

Full details of the new charges are available on the schools website, however below are some examples:

Meal Deal - £2.00 (an increase of 10p), most other items will increase by 5p. Many healthier lines will see no increase including all fruit, fruit pots, yoghurts, milk and bottled water.

Increasing some prices was a tough decision but one that we ultimately could not hold back any longer. We hope that parents and carers will be reassured by the fact that Dormston School prices remain some of the lowest in the area whilst providing some of the best quality.

We all look forward to your child's continued usage of our cafes and you can still monitor and pay for your child's meals online using ParentPay.

Our menus are available on the website for your information. If you would like any further information please feel free to contact the school direct.

Yours sincerely

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