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'I can do all things through
Christ who gives me strength'

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Dear Parents/Carers

School Meals – Price Increase

It will come as no surprise to you that following the budget announced by the Chancellor it will be more challenging than ever to provide a sustainable, quality food service at a price acceptable to everyone that uses it. The increase in the National Living Wage (NLW) and well as food inflation has left Dolce with no option but to raise their prices.

From Monday 28th April 2025, the cost of a school meal will be £3.00 per child per day. Benefit-Related Free School Meal children and Universal Free School Meal children (Reception, Year 1 and Year 2) remain free. This price increase should have been from today and at a suggested daily cost of £3.16, however, to support families at this time, school will cover the increase until Easter and have decided to keep the cost to £3.00 until the end of the summer term.

Following the concerns and ideas raised in the recent School Meal Survey we are currently looking at the benefits and costs of other catering providers and will update you in due course.

Yours sincerely

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