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Dear Parent/Guardian

School Meal Price Increase from September 2023

Maiden Erlegh Trust is committed to providing cost effective and nutritious meals for our students in each of our school settings and over the past few months we have been working very hard to ensure that the food served to students in our canteens has remained at the current price point, without compromising the quality of food being served. Unfortunately, due to the escalating cost of food, we have now reached the point where this is no longer possible and an increase in the price we charge for school meals is necessary.

We are therefore writing to inform you that the price of the meal deal option will increase from £3.00 to £3.50 from September 2023. The meal deal offers excellent value and allows students to purchase a hot meal, dessert and flavoured water. We are currently reviewing our menu options for the next academic year and these will be published, along with prices, on our school websites ready for the autumn term.

Additionally, the free school meal allowance for those students eligible will also increase to £3.50. For families currently experiencing financial hardship we would encourage you to check whether your child is eligible to receive free school meals. Information about how to claim free school meals can be found [HERE](#). Please contact the school office if you need any help with your free school meal application.

Yours sincerely

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