



7th September 2026

Dear Families,

School Meal Price Increase

We are writing to let you know that, after careful consideration, we are having to increase the cost of school meals, in line with what other schools in Sheffield are also having to do.

This decision hasn't been taken lightly. We have tried to absorb rising costs for as long as possible, but with the significantly higher costs of food supplies and energy we feel we now have no choice. We still continue to provide a nutritious, value for money meal at a non-profit making price.

The cost of a school meal for years 3 to 6 will rise to £3.15, and for Nursery to £2.85.

This increase will take effect from Monday 14th September 2026.

The Universal Infant Free School Meals (UIFSM) project is still in place, and this means that all children in Reception, Y1 and Y2 can be provided with a school meal free of charge. As well as hot meals, our school meal provision also includes a sandwich option (pick and mix) and is a great solution for those who would normally bring a packed lunch. The UIFSM is not means tested and is for every child in Reception, Y1 and Y2.

If your child is in Y3 to Y6 they can also have a free school meal if you are in receipt of certain allowances. If you are unsure of whether this applies to your child, please email Laura Evans on levans@watercliffe.sheffield.sch.uk

Thank you for your support and understanding.

Yours sincerely

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