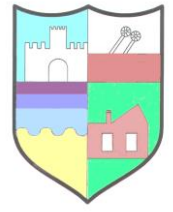


Ellington Primary School



05.07.22

School Dinner Price Increase

Dear Parents/Carers

I am writing to inform you that, after careful consideration, we are having to increase the cost of school meals. This decision hasn't been taken lightly, and we have been in consultation with our current providers and board of governors. At Ellington Primary, school dinner prices have not increased since 2013 (9 years), however with the significantly higher costs that we are now facing for our gas and electric along with the food and non-food inflationary costs increasing, we are now at the point where we need to look at our price per meal costs.

From 1st September 2022 there will be a 20p price increase in the cost of a school meal from £2.30 to £2.50 per day for paying pupils in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6, who choose to have meals provided in school.

Reception class, Year 1 and Year 2 will still receive free school meals under the Universal Infant Free School Meals scheme.

If you think you may be entitled to income based free school meals, you can apply through Northumberland County Council. Further information can be found here <https://www.northumberland.gov.uk/Education/Schools/Meals.aspx>.

We will continue to offer a variety of nutritious meals, working on a three-weekly rotation. As well as the main choice, children can opt for a jacket potato or pasta meal. All school dinners need to be ordered in advance from home via School Grid. This saves us valuable learning time in class and allows our kitchen to carefully plan meals to ensure minimal food waste each day.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Best wishes,

Mr K Hodgson
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