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Dear Parents / Carers,

We as a group of schools, just like everyone else, have seen significant increases in the cost of key resources over the last 12 months, including gas and electricity and also essential and staple food ingredients which enable us to provide fresh and nutritious meals to our students.

We have been working closely with our key catering providers to identify how we might be able to minimise the impact of these cost increases. Work has continued over the summer and from the commencement of this academic year, we are looking to launch a new and revised lunch time menu. There will be exciting new dishes and we will regularly host theme days including the exciting new 'Kitchen 72' concept in partnership with a primary catering supplier Creed – for more information on this please click on the below link:

[Kitchen '72](#)

Despite the above and exploring a number of different alternative approaches, it is regretful that as a result of the cost pressures across the country, I have to inform you that we will be increasing the cost of our catering provision from 1<sup>st</sup> October. An individual hot meal will now cost £2.50 with the option to include a drink and snack item for an additional 50p, creating a £3 hot meal deal. We appreciate the cost pressures you are all feeling at this difficult economic time and apologise for this unwelcome news.

Our catering provisions will continue as normal so please top your child's card up using normal means.

As a side, if you think your child might be entitled to Free School Meals but do not currently claim for them, please do look on the local government website in the link below where you can review your eligibility:

If your child attends a county school (Beauchamp College / The Castle Rock School / The Cedars Academy / Humphrey Perkins School / Martin High School / The Newbridge School:

<https://www.leicestershire.gov.uk/education-and-children/social-care-and-supporting-families/free-school-meals>

Please do contact me if you have any questions.

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