



Venerable Bede Church of England Academy

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Dear Parent/Carer

At Venerable Bede CE Academy we have maintained our low priced school meals for a number of years at just £1.90 to offer financial support to our pupils and families. Unfortunately, due to rising costs associated with school meals provision, we have needed to amend prices, and so have introduced a staged increase to the meal prices to bring our school in line with others in the local area.

Our menu is based on balanced choices to meet the changing needs of our pupils, including 'grab and go' facilities such as cold sandwiches, salads, jacket potatoes and Pasta King. There is always a traditional meal (including a vegetarian option) on offer every day too, and the menus offer a wider range of products, with a broad selection of lighter bites and a choice of drinks.

Directors have agreed that most items will increase by just 5p-10p. This increase began in January and the 'Cook's Choice' meal deal will be £2.05. After that, we will gradually increase our prices each half term until we are in line with many other schools and charge £2.20 for a meal deal. The agreed staged price increases are as follows;

- January: £2.05
- February Half Term: £2.10
- Easter £2.15
- May Half Term: £2.20

We have decided to take this staged approach so that parents can gradually increase the spend on school meals across this year, rather than introduce a 30p increase all at once. We are confident that this price continues to represent value for money and is in line with many other local schools. This is also the price of a Primary School Meal in Sunderland.

This change will not affect those pupils who are entitled to free school meals.

If you think you are entitled to free school meals but have chosen not to make an application yet, or your circumstances have changed and you would like to apply for free school meals, we would urge you to do so via the link at Together for Children, here: <https://www.togetherforchildren.org.uk/parents-carers/free-school-meals>

Yours faithfully

David Airey
Headteacher

