Ms Godwin

Headteacher

Stanbridge Lower School

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7th July 2022

Dear Ms Godwin

Over the past two years Hobbs School Catering have absorbed the increased costs to be able to deliver a quality catering service.

However, with food costs, fuel and packaging increasing at rates not endured since the early nineties this has increased the burden on the whole supply chain. We can no longer absorb these inflationary pressures without passing them on to our customers through our food tariffs.

We have taken onboard an 8% product cost rise since last September with forecasts predicting 15% by the end of the year. From April 2022 we also saw an increase in salaries of 6.6% through the National Living Wage.

It is extremely regrettable that we need to increase the cost of a lunch as our current tariffs can no longer sustain these levels of inflation.

We are still committed to offering value for money by providing a two-course lunch with fresh bread, salad and fresh fruit.

The cost of a school meal will increase from September 2022 to £2.50.

These decisions are never welcome or taken lightly, however, we hope that you understand that it is a necessity in the current financial climate.

If you have any questions, please email [gary@hobbsschoolcatering.co.uk](mailto:gary@hobbsschoolcatering.co.uk) or [angela@hobbsschoolcatering.co.uk](mailto:angela@hobbsschoolcatering.co.uk).

Yours sincerely

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