

18<sup>th</sup> March 2022

## School lunches

Dear Parents and Carers,


Following our Local Governing Body meeting this week, I must inform you that the price of our school dinners is set to raise a little. This is as a result of increasing food and energy prices, and also increased fuel costs for the transport of lunches.

From summer term, our lunches will be £2.25 per day (£11.25 per week - an increase of £1). This lunch cost increase – our first rise since 2020 - was carefully considered by Governors and remains less than many other local schools in our Trust, Calderdale and Kirklees as we aim to support all children to have access to a hot dinner every day if they would like one. As with everyone's expected costs of living rising, going forward, Governors may need to monitor pricing more regularly.

As you will know, all children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 have their lunches paid for nationally. Parents of these children **and** parents of children in Years 3 – 6 may be able to apply for free school meals if you access certain financial support, such as income-based Jobseeker's Allowance, Child Tax Credit, Universal Credit or Income Support. The full eligibility list and to apply is [here](#). At Bowling Green Academy, eligibility to free school meals also means support with uniform and trip/visitors costs.

The Governors and I hope that you will appreciate why this decision has been made. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions, specifically about accessibility to free school meals. Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,



Jamie Stuttard,

Principal