



9<sup>th</sup> February 2024

Dear Parent/Carer

### School Meal Price Increase

I am writing to inform you that our catering provider, Dolce have notified us they will be increasing their school meal prices from 15<sup>th</sup> April 2024, after the Easter Holidays. The cost of a school meal will increase by 20p, from £2.30 to £2.50.

At Beechwood, school meal prices have not increased for several years. Healthy school meals, cooked on the premises, are available each day with a three weekly rolling menu offering a range of choices and dessert. It is important to note that this increased price remains very competitive compared to other schools across Southampton.

Your child may be eligible for free school meals if you are in receipt of certain allowances. More information is available on the Southampton City Council website where you can also complete an eligibility check to see if your child is entitled.

<https://www.southampton.gov.uk/schools-learning/support-inclusion-education/free-school-meals/>

If there is a difficulty in providing payment for meals, please contact the school office as soon as possible. All queries and requests for support are confidential and we will always work with families to ensure that a solution is found and that we can continue to ensure all children have access to a meal. Thank you for your support and understanding.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. L. Phillips  
Headteacher

