



25th March 2024

To all parents at Thedwastre Education Trust Schools

Dear parents and carers,

Re: change in meal prices

We have recently been informed by our contract caterer Aspens of their plan to increase the charges to us for catering from April 2024. As I am sure you are aware, the cost of food has increased dramatically over the last 12 months and as a result the cost of providing school dinners has also risen significantly. We have therefore decided that the charge for paid for meals will need to increase by 10 pence per day to £2.55.

We understand that any increase in cost to families is always unwelcome but we feel that there is little choice other than to pass on such increases to parents. Even with the increase in daily charges, school catering still loses money and is subsidised by your school.

You can check if your child is are eligible for free school meals by visiting <https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals>. All Reception and Key Stage 1 children are entitled to free school meals already.

Yours sincerely

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