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BY EMAIL: ALL Parents/Carers – DNEAT academies

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Increase in the price of paid school meals from 4 November 2024

For the last 2 years there has been no change in DNEAT meal prices but due to the continuing increases over this time in food costs (around 20%) and staff catering costs (around 15%), the price of paid school meals will increase at the start of November to £2.70.

Despite our best efforts to keep school meal prices at a consistent level over the last 2 years, we can no longer absorb the increasing prices and demands that this is placing on the school budget.

This price increase does not affect the Free School Meal entitlement.

If your child is eligible to receive free school meals (if you are in receipt of a qualifying benefit), then your child's meals will continue to be free. If you think, you could be eligible for free school meals then please check www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals

We are delighted that over the coming months a new supplier, Nourish, will be taking on catering across all DNEAT schools and we want to assure you that this increase is in no way due to the change in supplier.

Nourish will offer pupils a varied choice of main lunch meals ensuring the have a nutritional balanced choice of healthy meals and children's favourites. Jacket potatoes and desserts are on offer daily with pasta choices on a number of days. Pupils will also have fresh salad items to choose from each day, and are encouraged to have this by staff, with fresh bread baked daily as well.

Nourish also hold the Silver Food for Life Award, and they are committed to providing a quality service and healthy meal to your child at lunchtime.

Yours faithfully,

Mr Oliver Burwood
Chief Executive Officer, DNEAT