



Baildon Church of England Primary School  
and Nursery

5<sup>th</sup> March 2020

Dear Parents

**School Meals Increase**

As you are aware, on reviewing the costs of school meals in Spring 2019, we made the decision to keep the cost at £1.90 and not pass on any increases to families. Governors have recently met with Nathan and our external bursar to review the running costs of the kitchen and school meals and, unfortunately, we have had to make the decision to raise the cost of meals from April 20<sup>th</sup>.

This is due to a number of factors including the rising cost of food and energy which we are all experiencing, government agreed pay awards and the associated increased contributions which school has to make for employees and also the increasing costs of maintaining and improving the facilities and equipment in the kitchen. Taking all these factors into consideration, the cost of school meals will rise to £2 per meal from April which is the start of the new financial year. Governors are committed to maintaining the cost at this level until at least April 2021.

We hope that you understand that we have tried to keep costs down but external factors unfortunately mitigate against us keeping costs as they are as our school meals income needs to cover all costs and can't be covered from elsewhere in the school budget.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Mary Connor  
Headteacher

**In our school, we celebrate being part of God's family where all respect themselves, others and the world around them. Our vision is to develop a safe, caring community of inspired, resilient lifelong learners with a spirit of curiosity, enabling them to flourish in an ever changing world.**