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Dear Colleague,

### **Primary School Meals – Annual Price Review**

In line with the annual price review, I can confirm that due to inflation and increasing food and labour costs from **Monday 30th October**, we're having to raise the price by 35p to £2.60.

We're extremely sorry to have to take this action, but without a price rise schools will face further financial pressures which could affect the amount of money schools have for delivering education. The price rise has been held back from the start of the new academic year to help support families, but unfortunately it cannot be delayed any longer.

The school meals contractor, Caterlink, will continue to provide high quality ingredients and the expected standards of food such as Red Tractor standard meat, sustainable fish and local free-range eggs meeting the Soil Associations Silver Food for Life Accreditation.

The new cost of a school meal in Brighton & Hove is lower than neighbouring areas. In East Sussex a school meal costs £2.85 and in West Sussex it's £2.71, with a review being carried out in January 2024.

I hope you will agree that this still represents good value for money.

Find out who can get free school meals and how to apply on the council's website.  
[Free school meals \(brighton-hove.gov.uk\)](https://www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/free-school-meals)

If you have any queries regarding this letter then please feel free to email  
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Yours sincerely,

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