



# North Duffield Community Primary School

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Dear Parents / Carers

## School Meal Price Costs

The Governors and I have taken the decision to take over the running of the kitchens and catering at North Duffield School. Whilst we will have to increase the price of meals to £2.35, we feel that this is the only viable option we could make. The reasons are:

- In February 2018 County Caterers, our school meal providers, informed the school that they would be changing the way we are charged for school meals. As a result they intended to charge the school and ultimately parents £2.86 for each child's meal.
- Each infant child is entitled to a free school meal every day; the school receives £2.30 from the Government for each meal. This would mean the school would have to pay a 56p subsidy for every meal, a cost of over £5000 per year from the school budget.
- Increasing the amount we charge parents by nearly 80p was also unacceptable.
- Bringing the catering "in house" means Mrs Langan and Mrs Wass will still provide the meals and we can minimise the increase in meal prices this year to just 25p.
- The school is able to create its own menu, in line with the food standards. The children will be provided with quality meals that are their favourites, our first menu is attached.

As you will understand, the school cannot afford to fund the additional costs. Doing so would have a significant impact on the school budget, meaning that we would have vastly reduced funds for school resources. This could impact on staffing numbers and ultimately class sizes, as well as the amount we have to spend on books, pencils, exercise books etc.

We are excited that we have more opportunities to offer food the children like and eat. We will keep you up to date with any future changes to menus or the service.

Kind Regards  
Andrew Russell

