



12th September 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Increase to School Meal Price.

I am writing to inform you that after careful consideration, the Challenge Academy Trust in conjunction with Harrison, our school meal provider, have agreed to increase the cost of school meals.

This decision has not been taken lightly as we fully appreciate the cost-of-living pressures that families are experiencing, but with the significantly higher prices that we are now facing for food commodities, supplier increases and increased labour costs, we have had to look at the price per meal costs. Overall, the daily 'Meal Deal' price will increase from £2.45 to £2.60. Meal Deal offerings will include either of the options below:

Any main meal plus any home bake/cake

Any main meal plus piece of fresh fruit

Any main meal plus a 330ml bottle mineral water

Any hot handheld grab & go item plus any home bake/cake

Any hot handheld grab & go item plus piece of fresh fruit

Any hot handheld grab & go item plus a 330ml bottle mineral water

Any Sandwich / Salad pot plus any home bake/cake

Any Sandwich / Salad pot plus piece of fresh fruit

Any Sandwich / Salad pot plus a 330ml bottle mineral water

All main course dishes will be priced at £2.15 and selective menu offerings will also increase.

This continues to represent good value when benchmarked against the cost of school meals across Warrington.

The daily free school meal allowance for eligible pupils will increase in line with this price increase.



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This increase will take effect from Wednesday 1st October 2025.

The increased prices will support the continuation of the wide range of food and drink offerings that are available through the day, ensuring that standards of quality and freshness are maintained.

I have enclosed some information about accessing free school meals for those families who may not be sure if they are entitled to this. To apply for free school meals, please visit:

<https://www.warrington.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals>

If your child is currently receiving free school meals, please do encourage them to use their full daily allowance.

Thank you for your understanding with these price increases.

Regards

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