



Welcome To THE PANTRY

Dear Parents and Guardians

The Pantry Catering will be increasing the cost of your child's lunches from week commencing 19th of April 2022. We will be increasing prices by 5p per meal from £2.52 to £2.57 - this will impact **all** children who pay for school meals. All children in Key Stage One (Reception, Year One and Year two) will continue to receive Universal Free School meals under the Governments Free School Meal scheme.

We know that in times such as these, price increases aren't what people hope to see but we do want to let you know that we have absorbed much of the increased costs associated with your catering, and only passed on what's strictly necessary to sustain the services at your School.

Your child may be eligible to receive Free School Meals if you are entitled to any of the following:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

For further information and to make an application please follow this link [Apply for free school meals - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/apply-for-free-school-meals). Please be aware, The Pantry are unable to support any application you make or give further information.

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