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Dear Parent/Carer

We have been notified by South Tyneside Council that the cost of school meals and school milk will increase from Monday 28th April 2025. The cost of a school meal will increase to £2.50 per day and school milk will increase to £12 per term.

School meal prices have been frozen since 2018, supporting families through the Cost-of-Living crisis, and are well below that of any other neighbouring authority. The Council currently subsidises school meals by almost 50%, this subsidy will reduce by 30p with the new price of school meals at £2.50 per pupil per meal, at least 50p cheaper than other areas in the North East. For every school meal the council will contribute £1.50.

Children who receive free school meals will not be affected by this change. In addition, the Council is looking at ways to maximise the take-up of free school meals through approaches such as auto-enrolment.

If you have any queries regarding the price increase, please contact South Tyneside Catering Service. If you think you are eligible for Free School Meals please contact the school office.

Yours sincerely

S. McBeth

Mrs McBeth
Head Teacher

