

16th March 2026

Dear Families,

Notification of school meals price increase

I am writing to inform you that the school's lunchtime meal provider, Nourish, has had to make the decision to increase the price of school dinners. This is due to the rising cost of ingredients and kitchen staffing. Over the past few years, as a school, we have funded annual increases and held the cost to families, however, due to financial pressures we are unable to do so.

This means that from 13th April 2025, the cost of a child's school dinner will be **£3.00** per day or **£15.00** per week; an increase of 20p per day. The actual cost of a meal to the school is £3.44 per day per pupil, but I am pleased to say that Governors have agreed to fund 44p per meal per day using the school's delegated budget as a supportive measure to families.

Paying for meals

Please remember to keep your school meals account topped up as meals are payable in advance. If you have not yet logged on to your School Gateway account, or need help doing so, please let us know. Even if you do not pay for school meals, it is essential that you activate your account as we also use this for school trip payments etc.

Free School Meals

If your circumstances have changed, it is important to ensure that you have applied for Free School Meals as your child may now be entitled. Please click on this link to find out more:

<https://www.bromley.gov.uk/FreeSchoolMeals>

If you need any assistance, please do not hesitate to contact a member of the school's Finance Team on the details below:

Email: finance@riverside.bromley.sch.uk

Telephone: 01689 870519.

Yours sincerely,



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