

# LARCHWOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL



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## Price Increase – School Meals

Dear Parent/Carer

We are writing to inform you of a planned increase to school meal prices, which will take effect from Monday 2 February. From this date, the cost of a school meal will be £2.75.

The last price increase took place in September 2024. Since then, Pabulum, our school meals provider, has worked closely with the school and the Trust to keep costs as low as possible for families. However, during this period there have been continued increases in food inflation, alongside rising staffing costs, including increases to the National Minimum Wage and employer National Insurance contributions from April 2025. Unfortunately, this means that a further increase has become unavoidable in order for the service to remain sustainable.

We recognise that any increase in costs adds pressure to household finances and want to reassure you that this decision has not been taken lightly. Our priority remains to provide good-quality, nutritious meals while keeping prices as affordable as possible.

Thank you for your understanding and continued support.

Mr S Bowsher  
Headteacher

