



# BANWELL PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear parents/carers,

I am writing to give you some important information regarding school meal prices for the next academic year (September 2024).

We work hard with our catering provider, Aspens, to review costs, ensure careful budgeting and negotiate price on a regular basis. Aspens have seen some food prices stabilise over the past few months, but other costs have continued to rise.

As a result of these rising costs, Aspens have increased the price of school meals from September. Across North Somerset schools, the cost of a meal will typically rise to £2.60 in September. We have, however, taken the decision to increase the cost gradually and ease the financial impact on our families. Therefore, **the cost of a school meal will rise from £2.50 to £2.55 on Monday 2 September 2024, with a further increase of 5p per meal taking effect from February 2025.**

We have explored alternatives to try and avoid making this increase, however, as I am sure you are aware, school budgets are currently under extreme pressure. Therefore, if we were to further subsidise school meals it would have a significant negative impact on the school's ability to deliver an effective education to children.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do come and speak with us.

The process for booking and paying for school meals will remain unchanged.

If your circumstances have changed, **you may be eligible to apply for Free School Meals**. You can access further information and check eligibility via North Somerset Council <https://www.n-somerset.gov.uk/my-services/schools-learning/local-schools/free-school-meals> or please come and speak to a member of the school office team.

**All children in Reception class, Year 1 and Year 2 will continue to receive a free meal through the government's Universal Infant Free School Meal programme.** However, even if



your child is in these year groups, if you think your family would be eligible for free school meals it is important to still apply as you may benefit from support in other areas.

If you have any questions or need any assistance, please come and speak with us.

Best wishes



Mrs Pocock