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School Lunch Pricing from April 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

As you are aware, Herts Catering Ltd (HCL) provide our school lunches on site each day and payments are made via your parent/carer accounts on SchoolGrid.

We continue to be extremely satisfied with the meal provision at Green Ridge in conjunction with HCL and recognise that they do a fantastic job at keeping all our pupils and staff fed daily, with a good lunch selection. They are extremely accommodating with any changes or adaptations we require for our menu, and Helena our cook, and the rest of her team, really do know all the children personally and what they like!

HCL have advised that due to rising labour and food costs, which continue to exceed the central inflation levels, they have had to review and understandably introduce a revised pricing structure to ensure they can continue to provide high-quality, nutritious meals moving forwards.

They have therefore confirmed that prices for school meals for pupils in Years Three and above will be rising to **£3.30** per meal, which comes into effect as of **1st April**, and begin in the Summer term when the children return after the Easter break on Tuesday, 16th April.

Please note these changes do not affect you if your child is entitled to Universal Infant Free School Meals (Reception, Year One and Year Two) or if your child is eligible for Free School Meals.

Although I realise there is an increase in costs for pupils in Key Stage Two, I do believe it still represents good value for money for the food and service our children receive at Green Ridge.

Thank you for your understanding.

Yours faithfully,

Mr. Aaron Wanford
Headteacher