



HIGHSHORE SCHOOL

13 July 2016

Dear Parents/ Carers

INCREASE IN THE COST OF SCHOOL MEALS FROM 7 SEPTEMBER 2016

I am writing to inform you that after careful consideration we need to raise the price of our pupil meals from £1.80 to £2 (£10.00 per week) with effect from the new term.

This is our first increase in 2 years and the decision has not been taken lightly in view of the difficulties this may cause to families. However due to ever increasing financial pressures on a restricted school budget, we have no other option than to lower the subsidy that we have managed until now to apply to our meals service. We are very conscious of the need to maintain the highest nutritional standards in our meals, and will continue to invest more funds into the service. I would remind families that Highshore meals have been the cheapest in Southwark and will remain so even with this increase, but we need to bring our charges more in line with the increased costs of supply and preparation.

I do hope that we can continue to deliver your child with our nutritious meals. If you feel that you need to change your child's meal option, or if you feel that you may be entitled to Free School Meals for your child we would be happy to help with an application; please call Jane in the office for more assistance.

May I remind parents that outstanding balances for school meals should not extend beyond that of 2 weeks, and can be paid by cash or cheque as preferred. Please contact Jane or our Family & Transitions Worker, Nancy DuBois, if you are having difficulty with your payments rather than leave the balance to build up to unacceptable levels.

Once again sincere apologies for this unavoidable change and please do not hesitate to contact me should you wish to discuss this matter further.

With best wishes for an enjoyable summer break.

Yours sincerely



Eileen Ollieuz
Headteacher