

3<sup>rd</sup> May 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

**RE: School meals increase in cost from £2.20 to £2.31 from 6<sup>th</sup> June 2022**

I am writing to inform you that the school is having to apply an increase in the cost of school meals. This means that the price per meal, which includes a hot/cold meal, dessert or a drink, will rise from £2.20 to £2.31. The new weekly cost will be £11.55 for those who pay for school meals. Those in receipt of free school meals will be unaffected by the increase.

Compass School has not increased the cost of school lunches since opening in 2013, however, with the current inflation increases the current cost cannot be sustained.

**Check your entitlement to free school meals**

We advise families to check their eligibility for free school meals. Your child may be eligible for free school meals and other benefits, if you get any of the following:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit - if you applied on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

Children who get paid these benefits directly, instead of through a parent or guardian, can also get free school meals.

If you are unsure about your eligibility for this, please speak to the School Office (0203 542 6506) who would be happy to assist you. Alternatively, if you would prefer, you can email confidentially on: [info@compass-schools.com](mailto:info@compass-schools.com).

**Keeping your account topped up**

If you pay for school meals, please remember to keep your school meals account topped up as meals are payable in advance of ordering. If there is a difficulty in providing payment of meals, please contact the school office as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely,

The Governing Body

