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Dear Parent/Carer,

Providing a balanced, nutritious meal for children and young people is important for the council.

The school meal service has previously been subsidised by the council and due to the extreme financial pressures over the last few years, it could no longer sustain this level of cost. As you will be aware, the council took the decision to incorporate “full cost recovery for school meals” as part of the budget setting process on 24th Feb 2020. It was also approved to increase the school meal price by 10p in 2021 and 2022.

Therefore, from the 1st April 2021 the cost of a two-course primary school meal will be £3.10, and the cost of a secondary school two-course meal will be £3.15.

I have enclosed a letter for you that has been prepared to enable parents to be notified of this change. I would appreciate if you would be able to distribute this to your parents prior to the Easter Break to make them aware of the price increase.

As you may be aware the Scottish Government announced on 9th March that Free School Meals will be provided to all P1 to 7 pupils by August 2022. We will be preparing to start work on this innovation in the coming weeks.

The new Food & Drink guidelines have also changed from 1st April 2021 and we have been working hard over the last six months in preparation of these legislative changes. Some of the changes we have made over the last few years have put us in a good place to meet the new criterion. I understand that you may already have participated in the educational video relating to this, that was provided through the Employee Service Centre in conjunction with ourselves. We are working on some posters and publicity that can be shared within schools.

We are also currently supplying free meals to all P1 to 3 children as well as nursery children entitled to the 1140 Early Years provision. We continue to review our uptake and ensure that that children’s favourite dishes appear on the menu.

We wish to reassure you and parents that the catering service has worked hard to provide a safe working environment and all staff are working to COVID 19 workplace protocols. Any assistance to promote a positive school meal message is welcome.

Yours sincerely

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