

To- Parents and Carers at St Botolph's C of E Primary School

27th March 2024

Dear Parents and Carer

I am sorry to inform you that due to the ever increasing food and labour cost, TCS need to increase the pupil school meal price to £2.45 starting on 1th April 2024 after the Easter break.

This is not a decision that has been taken lightly, we have always tried to keep the cost to our customers as low as possible.

In setting the meal price we have worked hard to achieve a lunch time menu that is of the best quality but still affordable to the parents.

Food Costs – Despite continually increasing fresh food costs we believe that it is still very important to use fresh, Farm Assured produce from local farms and we continue to do this wherever possible.

Over the years we have developed excellent working relationships with our suppliers and negotiated good purchasing arrangements. Our meal price has benefited from these arrangements but these companies are also having difficulty in meeting costs and prices have been considerably increased.

Labour Costs – In April the minimum wage will rise again, the largest % increase on record and to be fair to all, where possible, we increased all kitchen staff wages by the same value.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your custom and hope you understand our situation and will continue to support your school meal service.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "G Russell".

Gill Russell
Contract Manager