



Plymouth High School for Girls

"For life, not school, we learn"

24th April 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to inform you that our caterer, Chartwells, has notified us that the price of school meals will increase from today, 24th April. Normally, price increases occur at the start of the school year, but following the significant increases in their costs, they have made the difficult decision to increase costs from this week. Please accept our apologies for the late notice.

You will know that food inflation was recorded at 18% in March and looks likely to stay at these levels for sometime. In addition, Chartwells have already seen increases on staple ingredients of between 50 - 70% over the past year.

We and Chartwells remain committed to providing the highest quality and nutritious meals that meet the School Food Standards. Therefore, from today, 24th April 2023, **the cost of school meal deals for pupils will increase from £2.45 to £2.70. Individual items on the tariff will increase in price, but healthier options such as fruit, salads, and water will remain unaffected.**

The menu and tariff will be available to view on the school website, and all students will receive a copy via email. Students who are eligible for Free School Meals will receive an increased allowance of £2.70 to reflect the changes.

We want to assure you that the decision to take this action was not taken lightly. We will always continue to do all that we can to mitigate costs moving forward and provide you the best possible value for money.

Please be assured that we will continue to evaluate the meals to maintain their quality. We apologise for this increase and would like to take this moment to encourage you to check your child's eligibility to receive [Free School Meals](#). Application forms are available via the school office.

Best wishes,

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