

4 September 2024

Dear Parent or Carer,

On behalf of Taylor Shaw, I'm delighted to welcome you back to a new school year.

I continue to lead our superb catering team and am looking forward to seeing your children back in our catering outlets in the coming week. We fully understand the importance of providing children with delicious, healthy, and nutritious meals, and we are really thrilled to have the opportunity to serve your child at school.

Although the rate at which food prices are rising has slowed, they remain high. Our food costs are increasing, and as a sector, we have seen overall food and non-alcoholic beverage prices rise by 9% and prices in restaurants and cafes rise by 8.2% in the year to January 2024, up from 7.7%. As such, we have had to make some small adjustments to some of our prepared items at the start of this academic year.

Our Main Meal and Main Meal deal will be £2.55 and £2.70 respectively. Grab and Go items will be £2.30 and paninis will be priced between £2.00 and £2.50. Our home cooked cakes will rise by 5p.

All prices are very carefully considered and we do work to keep all our margins to an absolute minimum. As always, our primary goal is to ensure that each and every child receives a well-balanced, wholesome meal that fuels their minds and bodies for a productive day of learning. Furthermore, we believe that good nutrition is at the heart of a child's development, and our nutrition and menu development teams are committed to providing a menu that reflects this objective.

I'd also like to take this opportunity to remind you we do cater for many dietary needs, and all allergies are recorded on our electronic payment systems. If you do need to discuss any specific requirements, please do feel free to contact me at the school and we can speak further.

Yours sincerely

J Waller
Newstead Wood School Catering Manager

