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To All Primary School Headteachers

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Dear Headteacher

**Re: Revised School Meals Charges April 2022 – Primary Schools**

As you will no doubt be aware, food and raw material costs have continued to rise sharply over the past year and further increases are forecast. Whilst we have continued to absorb as much of this as possible, it has unfortunately now been deemed necessary to increase the price of a school meal.

With effect from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022 the cost of a set meal provided to all primary schools will be increased from £2.25 to £2.30 for pupils and from £3.18 to £3.25 (£2.71 + 20% VAT) for adults. (A “set meal” is the meal provided in a standard kitchen or the “meal of the day” in a Cash Cafeteria.)

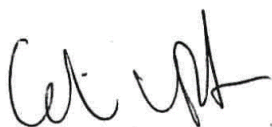
The charges for cafeteria foods, other than the meal of the day, will be increased by 2.2%.

This will be the first price increase since September 2020. At £2.30, Sefton's meal charge will be amongst the lowest on Merseyside for primary school pupils.

Schools will be at liberty to pass on the increased cost to paying customers and have the power to determine both the price and the content of a meal, including a free meal, subject to meeting national nutritional standards.

I should be grateful if you would advise staff and parents of your school's pricing decision, and if you have any queries or if you require any additional clarification, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,



**Colin Upton**

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