



# George Street Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

## School dinners – price increase from April 2025

The new menu that was introduced in February 2025 will continue until the end of the summer term.

We are very conscious that the cost of a school meal has an impact on family budgets and we were hoping to hold the prices until September. However this has not been possible due to the increase in both the National Minimum Wage and the National Insurance by the government. Therefore there will be an increase in costs from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2025 for KS2 (Years 3, 4, 5 and 6) which will be £3.20 per day - £16 per week.

Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are still currently entitled to a free meal which is covered by a Government scheme UFSM (Universal Free School Meals). We have a number of children who do not currently take advantage of this scheme so if you would like your child to give it a try with the new menu this could be a good time. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to come in and speak to myself or the admin team.

Please note that whether your child receives a free meal, under the Universal Free School Meal initiative, or if you pay for meals, your child can still choose a meal on a daily basis via the Gateway App. They can request a meal as little as once a week or as often as required.

If your child is in KS2, please make sure that school dinners are paid for in advance. Our preferred method of payment is via School Comms. Please speak to myself or the admin team if this is not possible.

If you think you may be entitled to Free School Meals please call into the school office where the staff will be happy to help with an application for you. This is usually for parents who are in receipt of Universal credits or other benefits.

Yours sincerely  
Portia Ward  
Business Manager