

24th January 2025

Dear Parents and Carers

Re: School Meal Pricing

At Windsor High School and Sixth Form, and across the Windsor Academy Trust (WAT) family, we are committed to providing nutritious meals that support the learning, development and overall well-being of our students. Our carefully designed menus offer a wide choice of familiar, healthy dishes at affordable prices that aim to fuel our students so they can achieve and thrive at school each day.

As you are no doubt aware, the rising cost of living has impacted many areas of our lives, and we are very conscious of the pressures this places on families. We have been working hard to ensure that any adjustments we make to our services remain fair and sustainable, without compromising the quality of food we provide to our students.

However, due to the significant increases in the cost of sourcing ingredients and the ongoing impact of inflation, we find ourselves in a position where we must raise the price of school meals. After holding off on this for as long as possible, we have made the difficult decision to increase the cost of a school dinner (meal deal) to £2.75. This will become effective as of Monday 24th February 2025.

We want to assure you that we have kept this increase as low as possible and have worked hard to ensure that the quality and nutritional value of our meals will not be impacted, as we remain dedicated to providing food that is both healthy and enjoyable.

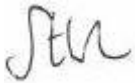
Where families pay for their children's meals, the daily cost of a meal deal (main meal, desert and drink) will be £2.75. Other food items such as grab and go food will still be available and individually priced.

Children in receipt of **free school meals** will be entitled to a meal valued up to £2.75. This ensures that all eligible children will continue to benefit from the same high-quality meals without any additional cost.

If you believe your child might be eligible for free school meals, please use this website for information on how to make an application - <https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals>

We understand that every increase in cost can have an impact, and we want to thank you for your continued understanding and support. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the school office. We are here to help and ensure that every child continues to benefit from nutritious meals.

Yours sincerely



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