



# BOWERHAM PRIMARY & NURSERY SCHOOL & BABY UNIT

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Subject: Lunch and Fees Price increases

I am writing to inform you of upcoming changes to the cost of school lunches and nursery provision, which will take effect from September 2026.

After careful consideration, we will be implementing a modest increase in the price of school lunches, rising from £2.40 to £2.50 per meal. While any increase is not taken lightly, this adjustment remains below the current rate of inflation and significantly below the recommended cost of £3.00 per meal.

We will also be updating our nursery fees as follows:

- Babies: £9.00 per hour
- 2-year-olds: £7.00 per hour
- 3- and 4-year-olds: £6.00 per hour

These revised fees are also set below inflation and remain considerably lower than the recommended funding levels required to fully cover the cost of high-quality provision.

We are hopeful that, following this adjustment, we will be able to maintain these costs for the next two years. However, due to external factors and ongoing financial pressures, we are unable to guarantee that further changes will not be necessary.

As always, our priority is to continue providing a safe, nurturing, and enriching environment for all children, while keeping costs as manageable as possible for families. Despite increasing operational costs, we have worked hard to ensure that these changes are kept to a minimum.

We appreciate your continued support and understanding. If you have any questions regarding these changes, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

Yours sincerely,

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