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Dear Mr Ricketts,

Notification of School Meal Tariffs – Academic Year 2026-27

I am writing to advise, that the cost of a primary school meal has been ratified at full council meeting on 26th February 2026 at £3.20 for the academic year commencing September 2026.

Meal prices are in line with comparable (i.e. nonsubsidised) prices across the UK and less than most private sector providers.

As you are aware, Solihull Council is a "not for profit" local authority. We realise how important it is in the current financial climate to keep the cost to families as low as possible, the increase has been kept to a minimum. However, the local government pay settlement, National Insurance, and continued food inflation means that we must raise prices for meals paid for by parents and adults.

We review our meal tariffs annually, with any changes implemented from the start of the next academic year, September.

At least 75% of our meals are freshly made, using quality ingredients, local sourced produce, and foods from sustainable sources. We believe that the increase to £3.20 for a primary meal is still excellent value for a two-course meal that meets all nutritional requirements. The UK food supply situation remains volatile, and we continue to monitor availability of ingredients and price increases daily. All meals we provide meet the school food standards and we will not be reducing portion sizes to save money or source ingredients from untraceable suppliers.

Our meal tariffs for the coming academic year September 2026-27 are as follows:

Nursery £3.10
Primary £3.20
Adult (on duty) £3.70
Adult Inc. VAT £4.45

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for choosing us as your catering provider and for continuing to work in partnership with us to give a quality service to all our children.

In the meantime, if you have any questions or concerns about your catering service, or the additional services that we offer, please contact either Bernie or Michelle or the Catering admin team: cateringadmin@solihull.gov.uk

Yours sincerely,



Paul Wayman. Head of Service. Solihull Catering Services.