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Dear Parents/Carers

Mellors catering services will continue to provide Atlas Community Primary School, Green Lane Primary School, Lilycroft Primary School, Margaret McMillan Primary School and Westbourne Primary School pupils with healthy, nutritious school meals and cater for all allergies and individual dietary requirements. We are also pleased to announce that Mellors will be providing catering services to Miriam Lord Primary School pupils from September 2025.

However, unfortunately, due to rising food costs and associated further price increases in terms of National Insurance costs, the charge per school meal has been increased. The trustees of The Priestley Academy Trust have thus far made the decision to delay the increased meal price for parents/carers until the Autumn term so that we can continue to support our families as much as possible; regrettably though, we cannot continue this subsidisation.

**From Monday, 1 September 2025, the price of school meals will increase to £2.20 per day.**

Pupils in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will continue to be entitled to Free School Meals through the Universal Infant Free School Meals Scheme. Meals in Nursery are also increasing in price from 1 September 2025 and are chargeable at £1.90 per day.

Pupils in Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 and Nursery may be entitled to Free School Meals if parents/carers are in receipt of the following benefits.

- Income Support
- Income Based Jobseekers Allowance
- Income Related Employment and Support Allowance
- Child Tax Credit with an annual income of less than £16,190, provided they are not receiving Working Tax Credit
- the 'Guaranteed' element of the State Pension Credit
- Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)
- Universal Credit with an annual net earned income threshold of less than £7,400\*

If you are an Asylum Seeker, you will need to apply directly to the school or [contact the Access Team](#).

Applications for Free School Meals can be completed using the link below: [Free School Meals](#)

We would also like to make you aware of the government's welcome announcement to extend free school meal provision to any pupil whose parents receive Universal Credit from September 2026\*, increasing eligibility and the numbers of those who will be able to benefit from the free school meal programme. Please ensure that you check details with us or through the council and if you require any assistance, please do not hesitate to contact the school office via telephone or email, contact details for which are available on the school website.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully

Mathew Atkinson  
Chief Executive