

14 July 2023

Dear Parents/Carer/Child,

It is important to me, Outwood Academy Bishopsgarth and Outwood Grange Academies Trust, that we support children and families by providing school meals that are nutritious and affordable. For a long time increases in school meal prices have been minimal but as the cost of providing school meals is rising substantially this is becoming very difficult to maintain.

From 1 September 2023 the cost of a school 'meal deal' will increase to £2.60.

For those who receive free school meals the amount credited to your child's account will be adjusted accordingly. Please could I also take the opportunity to encourage you to apply for free school meals if you are eligible, or become eligible, if you get any of the following:

- Income Support
- income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- the guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit and your household income is less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

You can apply for free school meals at <https://www.stockton.gov.uk/article/2540/Apply-for-free-school-meals>. If you have any questions or need any support in making an application please contact us at enquiries@bishopsgarth.outwood.com for confidential support.

Yours faithfully,



Jason Rhodes
Head of School