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Dear Parent/Guardian,

As you may be aware Denbighshire County Council's School Meals Service is one of the top performing local authority catering services. This reflects our commitment to providing the best possible experience for pupils in Denbighshire's schools.

It is widely recognised that eating a nutritionally balanced school meal has a positive impact on a child's ability to concentrate throughout the afternoon and providing a healthy, varied menu for all school pupils remains our priority.

We have worked extremely hard over the past three years, with our staff and suppliers, to control our spend on school meal ingredients and the amount we spend has remained fairly static over this period, without compromising on quality. Unfortunately, we have now exhausted our avenues of cost control and the cost of producing school meals is rising. In order to maintain our current high standards, regrettably it is necessary to increase our charges.

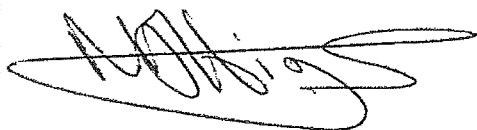
Therefore from 1st September 2018, we will reluctantly be increasing the cost of School Meals by .10p per meal. This will mean that Secondary School meals will rise to £2.35 per day and there will be minimal price rises on some individual items. The equivalent allowance for Free School Meals will also rise accordingly

Despite this price rise, we believe Denbighshire's School Meals Service continues to provide excellent value for money and have ensured we remain amongst the most competitive in Wales on price and quality.

Investment in our school kitchens and in our Catering staff will remain a priority. This will ensure standards remain high and we continue to be one of the UK's best schools catering services.

Thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely



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