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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 September 2022 the cost of a school 'meal deal' will increase from £2.35 to £2.45.

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](mailto:enquiries@bishopsgarth.outwood.com) for confidential support.

Yours faithfully

**Jason Rhodes**  
**Head of School**

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