

14th November 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to you with regard to the price of paid school meals in your child's school.

Meals are provided by Chartwells, an external catering company. Like other companies, they are having to increase the costs of school meals in line with rising costs that we are all experiencing. The new price will be £2.41 per day (£12.05 per week) up from £2.34 per day (£11.70 per week).

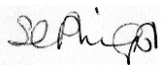
At Victoria Academies Trust, we know that the cost of living is rising and putting pressures on our families. Increases in energy costs, fuel prices and day to day items is impacting on all of us. We are also aware that on the run up to Christmas, and the weeks after, families feel the pressure even more of these costs. Therefore, Victoria Academies Trust will cover the meal increases costs for the next four months, allowing you as parents and carers to prepare and budget for the increases which Chartwells have passed onto us.

We can confirm that for you, the price of meals will increase to £2.41 per day (£12.05 per week) from Monday 27th February. Your schools will remind you nearer to this date, but I wanted to give you as much notice as possible to support you to prepare for this.

It is a good opportunity to remind you that families who are eligible, can receive free school meals for their children and your school will be able to support you with applications. Many councils also provide vouchers for school holidays to support eligible families and so even if your child does not take meals, or receives universal free meals (when they are in reception, year 1 or year 2), it is worth signing up if you meet the criteria for free school meals.

I am sorry that we have had to pass on the increases to you, but hope that we are supporting in being able to cover the increases for you until the end of February 2023.

Your Sincerely,



Sharron Philpot

CEO

Victoria Academies Trust