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**School meals price change from Monday April 1<sup>st</sup> – PRICE CUT!!!  
(This is not an April Fools' joke!)**

Dear Parents,

We have been informed that from Monday April 1<sup>st</sup> SIPs Catering who provide our school meals will be charging an additional 10p per pupil meal, taking the price of a meal to £2.40 or £12 per week. As you will know, whatever price per meal is charged to the school is the price we charge you on their behalf.

However, I hope that you also know that we do our utmost to recognise the struggle that so many people have to make ends meet, including, and sometimes most particularly, those of you who earn just enough for benefits to stop. When I consider how the price of school meals has continued to rise, I am aware that this cost has become unmanageable for many of you and the new price rise will mean that many more of our families will struggle... and so I pondered... how could we try to help a little??

A lengthy debate at our Governing Body meeting last night concluded that we could find some funds to help keep the cost charged to parents for a pupil meal down. I am incredibly grateful to Governors that they did not stop at keeping the cost to the current price of £2.30, but have decided to find the funding to **CUT** the cost to **£2.10 (£10.50 per week)**.

I really hope that this will help you to continue to afford for your child/children to eat a school meal and perhaps even enable a few to stay who don't at the moment. It may seem like a small gesture when the cost of just one meal is considered, but when considering the cost of thousands of meals over a year that the school will still be charged for at the full price by SIPs, this really is more than a gesture.

Please be assured that this money is not being found by cutting funds allocated to learning. The truth of the matter is that I will be informing teachers and Learning Support staff that they will no