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Dear Parent/carer,

Re: Free School Meals and Canteen Price Increase

I am writing to you with regard to a price increase for our Meal Deal in the school canteen.

The meal deal includes a main course, cake/pudding and a drink and we have always ensured that the price of this matches the amount that is allocated to students eligible for a Free School Meal.

Derbyshire County Council have recently increased the Free School Meal amount to £2.60 and so our Meal Deal price will increase to £2.60 too. This will come into effect from January 9th.

If your child is eligible for free School Meals please could you remind them that Free School Meals don't just include food at lunchtime, but can also apply to food and drink at breaktime as well. Before school until 8.30am a free breakfast is available for those who qualify for Free School Meals, which is in addition to the free school meals amount of £2.60 per day. Please note if the full amount is not used, it does not carry forward to subsequent days.

Family financial circumstances often change and it may be that we have a number of students who should be eligible for Free School Meals and have not yet applied. Should you feel that this may apply to you then please refer to the details below.

Is my child eligible for free school meals?

All children aged 3 to 18 at Derbyshire nurseries or schools can receive a free meal if they qualify.

Qualifying criteria:

- Universal Credit, provided they have an annual net earned income not exceeding £7,400 (£616.67 per month)
- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guarantee element of State 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) as assessed by HMRC
- Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)

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How do I apply?

To apply, please go to:

<https://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/education/schools/your-child-at-school/meals/school-meals/free-school-meals.aspx>

If you have any questions or specific concerns, please contact enquiries@ripleyacademy.org

Yours sincerely

Mr J de Rijk

Head of School

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