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Dear parent / carer

As you know, the School has engaged a new catering partner, Pabulum, and initial feedback from the children has been positive, particularly their exciting new menu choices and improved 'dining experience'. Together with Pabulum, we continue to provide a nutritious and balanced lunch, using good quality fresh ingredients. Improvements in the offering this year include:

- A wider variety of salads
- Bread which is freshly baked on site every day
- A fruit platter which children may choose as a healthier alternative to the dessert
- An improvement to the deli offering, with a more generous portion size and speciality breads including wraps, bagels and thick-cut bloomer bread along with a wider variety of fillings.

Price changes

As you will be aware from on-going news coverage, the hospitality sector is facing challenges in terms of rising food costs and wage inflation and unfortunately school caterers are not immune to this. These cost pressures are compounded by increases in our staff costs that are not funded by the government. I am afraid the combination of catering costs, food costs and school staff costs means we must regrettably increase prices. The School has held the lunch price at £2.20 for many years, but in order to maintain a high-quality offering, this is unfortunately no longer possible and will increase to £2.40 from November 2022. Please note, this does not affect the meals you have already booked this half term.

Break time snack

Our Chef has previously sold break-time snacks to children on the playground. Last term, numbers dwindled to just a handful of children per day, often with no customers at all. With the new lunch menu, more items are being cooked from scratch, so it is no longer feasible for her to spend 15 minutes on the playground at this vital time of food prep. We therefore advise that effective from next week, all children should come to school with a healthy snack to eat at breaktime.

GAP & Early Risers

In order to keep this provision viable, we will need to increase our fees to £2 per session for Early Risers and £14 per session for GAP. The price will be effective from November.

We are aware this is a difficult time for many families. If you have concerns about meeting any of these increased costs, please arrange a meeting with us to discuss by contacting our Business Manager, Mrs Clements on aclements@cleves.co.uk

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Mr Hodges', is written over a light blue circular background.

Mr. Hodges

