



Small School, Big Heart

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Dear Parent/Carers,

Increase in charges for school meals.

We have been informed by OCS who provide our school meals from Woodside School, that due to costs of produce rising considerably over the last 12 months **the cost of paid school meals will be increasing to £2.45 from 1st December.**

If you are a low-income family and in receipt of certain benefits your child / children are entitled to Free School Meals. You need to apply to Shropshire Council to receive this benefit. As well as receiving Free School Meals, school receives additional funding for those children to support them in other ways including reduced costs for school trips, and access to funding / free holiday clubs during school holidays.

The qualifying benefits for free school meals are:

- 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 the four weeks after you stop qualifying for working tax credit. Proof of this will be required
- Universal credit - provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400, as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods

If you qualify for Free School meals you should apply with Shropshire Council at:

<https://next.shropshire.gov.uk/early-years-education-and-learning/free-school-meals/apply-for-free-school-meals/>. You can also speak to the office in confidence to support you in applying.

(Parents already in receipt of Free School Meals do not need to re-apply)

If you have any questions, please contact the Office or Mr Shepherd.

Yours sincerely

Mr R.E. Shepherd, Headteacher