



CHURCHFIELDS PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Chartwells – Lunch price increases

With effect from 4th January 2023, the cost of a school meal will increase from £2.57 to £2.89. The increase by Chartwells is necessary because of the increase in food cost and transport costs passed on by their suppliers. Collective Vision trust have worked hard with Chartwells to try and keep the price increases to a minimum. To do this they have contributed a significant amount of Trust funds, around £34,000, to ensure the price of meals is able to remain below £3 at this time.

We will continue to use ParentPay to for payment and ordering of meals. The way you pay for and order meals remains the same should you choose to continue to have school meals.

For those parents in receipt of free school meals or universal infant free school meals there will be no changes for you at this stage, but you should be aware of the price increases if your personal circumstances change or your child moves into KS2.

Unfortunately, as Chartwells is an external provider, the school is not in control of these price increases. I would like to stress again that, without the support from the Collective Vision Trust, the rise would have been much more significant.

If you believe that you may be eligible to claim Free School Meals, please visit the following website and have the following information available; date of birth, your national insurance number, address and children's details when you apply:

www.staffordshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmealsapplication

After the Christmas break we will also be moving back into the school hall for hot meals. Children who come to school with sandwiches will remain in their classroom and the children having a school meal will go to the hall. This should ensure that the food quality increases and the temperature stays hot for the options.

If you have any queries relating to this matter, please do not hesitate to speak to Mrs Darlington in the school office

Thank you for your continued support

Diane Beardsmore
Headteacher