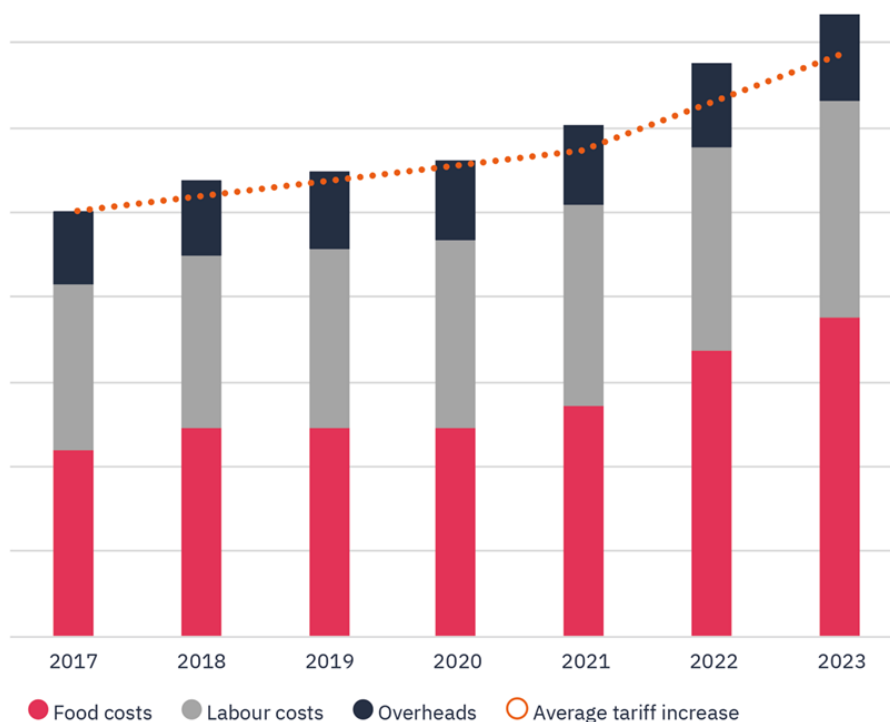


Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope your child or children are enjoying our school lunch catering. We strive every day to provide a range of daily options that remain popular, nutritious and produced from ethically sourced raw ingredients that require a good standard of craft skill to prepare.

Much like your home food shop, our shopping basket has seen incredible increases on core ingredients such as chicken, pasta, rice, oil, sugar, and flour costing significantly more. We have worked hard over the past few months to swap items, change recipes and even to move to different suppliers in a bid to combat tariff increases.

Furthermore, the supply of great people was impacted by both Brexit and Covid with over 100,000 vacancies in the UK hospitality sector alone. The Government addressed the issue by increasing minimum wage rates in April by 10%, the largest increase ever seen.



You will see from the graph above, that over time the tariff charged does not cover all costs. We are working hard in all areas to bridge that gap, focusing on minimising costs and overheads.

Culinera are committed to quality produce and providing nutritious dishes and the time has therefore come to review our pricing for lunches.

From **1<sup>st</sup> September 2023**, Key Stage 2 school lunches will be increasing by 15p per meal. The 15p increase is the equivalent to 75 per week, if your child eats with us each day.

Benefit-Related Free School Meal children and Universal Free School Meal children (Reception, Year 1 and Year 2) remain free.

Please be assured that this is not a move to increase profits but to ensure we deliver on the commitment and promises we have made, to safeguard our school lunches and the teams employed.

All of the team at Culinera and Oaklands Junior School thank you for your support, understanding and loyalty. Without you visiting the restaurant on a regular basis, we would have no school meals service.

We love feedback, so please feel free to use the QR code below to provide any feedback.

Team Culinera at Oaklands Junior School

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