



Dear Parents and Carers,

**April 2025 – Meal Price**

We are super proud to offer Oaklands pupils fresh homemade lunches using quality ingredients, cooked in the Junior School kitchen.

In the latter months of 2024, significant changes were announced in the Government Autumn Budget, adding hundreds of thousands of pounds to the cost of business. The very significant governmental changes, directly influence the cost of operating the catering services at our schools. The key cost being the adjustment to the Employer National Insurance Contribution (NICs) threshold.

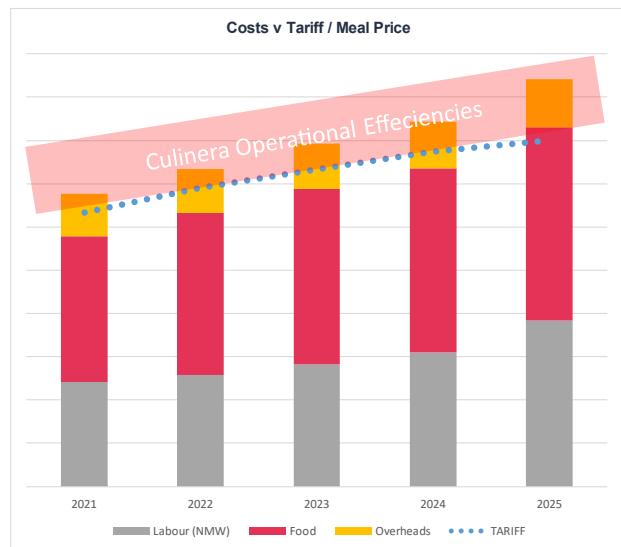
In line with maintaining high standards, we must inform you of an upcoming meal price increase from April 2025. The meal price from April will be **£2.85** per meal.

This adjustment is necessary to uphold the commitment to quality, whilst covering the additional costs incurred as a result of the Autumn Budget.

This price is still considerably cheaper than the high street alternatives, such as supermarket meal deals which average £3.90 for a cold sandwich meal deal.

You will see from the graph, that over time the meal price charged for lunch does not cover all costs. Culinera are working hard in all areas to bridge that gap, focusing on minimising costs and overheads.

We will then be reviewing the cost for lunches from September, once we understand the wider effects that the Autumn Budget has had on our suppliers and the price of food, with the hope of keeping the increase as low as possible.



The entire team at Culinera appreciates your support, understanding, and loyalty. Your support is crucial to our business, and we value your feedback. Please use the QR code below to share any comments or suggestions. We look forward to continuing to serve you and your family with nutritious and enjoyable meals.

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