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Dear Parents and carers,

We hope this letter finds you well. We are Taylor Shaw, the school's catering provider, and we are writing to inform you about an important update regarding the school meals provided to your children.

At Taylor Shaw, we take our responsibility to provide high-quality, nutritious food very seriously. We strictly adhere to School Food Standards, which govern nutrition and portion sizes. We work closely with the school and the student council to ensure that we meet these standards.

Recently, during discussions with students, it came to our attention that some students still feel hungry after lunch, which is of course concerning. After carefully reviewing our compliance with School Food Standard portioning requirements, we have concluded that while our current portions are compliant, they may not fully satisfy the students' hunger. To address this concern, we have decided to reengineer our menus to provide larger portion sizes as a trial to measure the impact on student experience.

This change has resulted in an increased cost of 14p per meal. For clarity, **there is no profit associated with this cost increase**; while the school meal price covers the cost of food, staffing, and ancillary items, the 14p is being used solely for food. As such, for the summer term the cost of a meal will increase from £2.52 to £2.66. For students who receive free school meals, the increased cost **will be funded by the school**.

We will be measuring the impact of this initiative, and the school will ask students to complete a questionnaire before and towards the end of the trial to ensure that the objective has been met. We will provide feedback on the results in due course.

We assure you that we remain committed to providing the best possible dining experience for your children. Thank you for your understanding and support during this trial.

Yours sincerely,



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