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Dear Parent / Carer,

School Meals – Price increase

I am writing to inform you that the cost of school meals will increase from £2.80 to £2.90 per meal on 1st April 2026. The cost of meals per week will be £14.50.

Dolce have advised us that the continued increase in levels of food inflation and the rise of staffing costs is such that they cannot absorb the full level of price rises they are experiencing. As a result, they are reluctantly increasing their charges from 1st April 2026.

We appreciate that the current cost of living challenges may be posing difficulties for many of our families. If you are in receipt of benefits or have had a change in circumstances and are unsure if you may be eligible for free school meals, please apply online at https://rochdale-self.achieveservice.com/service/Free_school_meals_apply_for_free_school_meals

Please be assured that Dolce work hard to keep the price of meals to a minimum and will continue to provide pupils with the highest quality, freshly produced school lunches possible.

May we take this opportunity to remind you that your child's pre-order and payment for meals must be made in advance via SchoolGrid. Accounts must be in credit for a meal to be provided, Dolce are unable to provide meals where accounts are in debt.

Changes to pupil meal arrangements can only be made half-termly, therefore, if you wish to change your child's meal provision after the Easter break please email office@hopwood.rochdale.sch.uk at the earliest opportunity.

Yours sincerely

Mrs J Lee
School Business Manager

