



THE LONDON NAUTICAL SCHOOL

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Dear Families,

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As many of you will be aware, our National economy is currently suffering from the effect of price inflation; you will notice this in many of the goods and services you purchase on a daily basis.

Our school has attempted to keep our school meal cost as low as possible and, in fact, our charges have remained unchanged since before 2018. The current cost to paying pupils reflects the subsidy the school currently receives from the Government for Free School Meals as well.

Our catering supplier is currently faced with numerous shortages, much higher inflation (cost increases) for their fresh produce, fuel and our course staffing; as we have all been affected by the increase in National Insurance contributions.

As such we have reluctantly found ourselves in the position of having to increase the sale cost to pupils for each meal. The new cost per meal with effect from 9th May 2022 will be £2.50. Our fixed price at breakfast and break will be £1.25 per item. Our food will still be cooked fresh on the premises and the choices will not be reduced.

We realise and regret that this will have a negative impact on the finances of our families and the school, as we will have to contribute to the cost of Free School Meals to fill the gap between funding and the cost price of each meal. To help support families we have introduced a free breakfast service for ALL pupils that serves cereal and bagels from 08:00hrs to 08:30 hrs in our Malone Hall daily. Please do encourage your sons to take advantage of this.

In addition, you can also check your availability for Free School Meals (FSM) here <https://www.lns.org.uk/home/parents/school-meals/> using our Free School Meals Eligibility Checker. The form for applying can also be found at this link. (Please note FSM claims cannot be backdated.)

As always please contact us at admin@lns.org.uk if you have any questions and keep an eye on your emails and our [website](#) for future updates.

Yours sincerely,

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