

# Merridale Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

## **School Meal Price from November 2024 – a message from Caterlink**

*We would like to take this opportunity to let you know of changes taking place to the school's catering prices. These changes will commence after October half term – from Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2024.*

*Caterlink are proud to work in partnership with your School in providing pupils with nutritious and balanced meals from our three-week menu cycle offering a selection of daily choices.*

*We have seen many challenges over the last year due to on-going food inflation costs. Where possible, Caterlink has managed the additional costs. However, with supplier price increase, from November, we are in the position to need to apply an increase to the school meals we provide. From Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November, we can provide your child with a hot and nutritious main meal, dessert, salad bar for the price of £2.55 per day, £12.75 per week (this is an increase of 15p per day – from £2.40 to £2.55 per meal). This charge is for **paid** meals for children in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 only. All children eligible for Free School Meals and Universal Infant Free School Meals (all children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2) will continue to receive their daily meal at school with no charge to parents and carers.*

*I fully understand these types of communications are never welcome, however, I hope you understand this decision has not been taken lightly but is a necessity within the current climate.*

*Kind regards, Caterlink*

Please feel free to contact me at school if you have any questions.

Yours sincerely

Mrs L Towle  
Headteacher