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## Dear Parent/Carer

The Service Lead for Catering at Wrexham County Borough Council has asked us to pass on a message informing parents and carers that there is going to be an increase in the cost of school meals in September.

## Changes to School Meal Prices

If your child is in secondary school (with the exception of The Maelor School, Penley), please be aware that the cost of a school meal will increase from £2.45 to £2.65. The price of other menu items will be subject to equivalent increases.

Cllr Phil Wynn, Lead Member for Education, said: "Secondary school meal prices have remained unchanged since September 2019 when they increased from £2.40 to £2.45. In contrast, food prices in the UK are up 26% compared with their pre-Covid levels, while prices of everyday items such as potatoes, eggs, milk, bread and cheese have increased by up to 39% in the last 12 months.

"Unfortunately, we can no longer afford to fully absorb these massive cost increases. By keeping this price increase below inflation, we have tried to protect pupils and parents against the full impact of rising food costs. The "meal of the day" option still offers good value for money and even after this increase, the price of a secondary school meal in Wrexham remains in line with those of other local authorities in north Wales. However, if you are struggling to meet your household costs, please visit <a href="Wrexham Council's 'help with the cost of living' pages">Wrexham Council's 'help with the cost of living' pages</a> for advice on any other help you may be able to access."

Yours faithfully

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