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Dear Parent/Carer

### Local Authority Letter – School Meals

Please be aware this letter is sent on behalf of Redcar & Cleveland Borough Council and Robertson Facilities Management. **Any queries or concerns should be raised directly with these organisations.**

Redcar and Cleveland Borough Council (RCBC) operate multiple PFI schools, with services provided by a Facilities Management Company. RCBC have been working with the current facilities provider since February 2018.

Since 2014/15, the price of the catering services provided have not increased in line with contractual indexation obligations entered into by RCBC.

Across the 2018/2019 academic year we have worked closely with the service provider to enhance and invest in various aspects of the catering service provided. This has included a wider variety of meal choice, improved quality of local produce used and rationalisation of suppliers to deliver a better service.

After careful consideration and a significant level of dialogue with the service provider, we are writing to inform you that the following schools will be subject to a price increase from September 2019:

- Sacred Heart Voluntary Academy
- Outwood Academy Normanby (formerly Hillsview Academy)
- Outwood Academy Bydales
- St Benedicts Primary School
- South Bank Primary

From September 2019 the “Meal of the Day” option in the above schools will be

- £2.15 in primary schools.
- £2.37 in secondary school.

Pupils entitled to free and universal school meals will not be affected. For secondary school meals, there remains alternative meal options such as sandwiches, paninis and pasta as an alternative to the “meal of the day” option.

We have reviewed the price increase in line with charges levied by other authorities.

Every effort has been made by RCBC and the service provider to limit the price increase and in this instance the service provider has been able to work collaboratively with RCBC to offer the increase at a lower rate than the contractual price provision. RCBC will continue to work with the service provider to ensure that we are able to offer good quality meal options for all pupils attending the schools listed.

Yours faithfully



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