

September 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

It is important to me, Outwood Academy Danum and Outwood Grange Academies Trust, that we support children and families by providing school meals that are nutritious and affordable. For a long time increases in school meal prices have been minimal, but as the cost of providing school meals is rising substantially this is becoming very difficult to maintain. From September 2023 the cost of a school 'meal deal' will increase from £2.60 to **£2.80**. For those who receive free school meals, the amount credited to your child's account will be adjusted accordingly.

Please could I also take the opportunity to encourage you to apply for free school meals if you are eligible, or become eligible, based on the criteria below:

- Universal Credit - Your annual net earned income must be no more than £7,400, as assessed by earnings from up to 3 of your most recent assessment periods.
- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Child Tax Credit but not Working Tax Credit and your annual income is below £16,190 (as worked out by HM Revenue & Customs)
- Guarantee element of State Pension Credit
- support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- parents receiving Working Tax Credit for four weeks after their employment finishes are entitled to free school meals during that period. This also applies to parents who start working less than 16 hours per week

You can apply for free school meals here <https://www.doncaster.gov.uk/doitonline/free-school-meals> .
If you have any questions or need any support in making an application please contact enquiries@danum.outwood.com for confidential support.

Yours faithfully,



A Crane
Principal