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Dear Parent / Carer,

September Meal Price Increase

We hope your child(ren) has been enjoying our school lunches. We are committed to providing a variety of daily options that are popular, nutritious, and prepared using ethically sourced ingredients, all delivered to a high standard.

After several years of challenging inflationary pressures affecting both food costs and the National Living Wage, it is encouraging to see more stable increases this year. However, the current global situation, including events in the Middle East, continues to create some uncertainty.

The latest annual CPI inflation figure for food and non-alcoholic beverages at the time of writing is 4.9% (up to October 2025). You will also be aware that the National Living Wage is set to increase by 4.1% to £12.71 in April 2026.

Taking these factors into consideration, our September price increase is outlined below and will take effect from 1st September 2026. Please note that if global events continue to impact oil prices and related costs (such as fertiliser), we may need to review these prices further.

As a result, the price of your child's two-course school meal will change from **1st September 2026** to:

£2.88 (For children in Key Stage 2)

Please note, children eligible for Benefit-Related Free School Meals and Universal Free School Meals (Reception, Year 1, and Year 2) will continue to receive their meals free of charge.

If you have any further questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact Customer Care on 01942 707709 / customercare@dolce.co.uk

Thank you for your understanding and continued support.

Kind Regards,
Angie Quickmire
Head of Dolce Customer Care