

21/03/25

Dear Parent / Carer,

### **March Meal Price Increase**

We hope your child(ren) have been enjoying our school lunches. We strive to provide a range of daily options that remain popular, nutritious and produced from ethically sourced raw ingredients that require a good standard of craft skill to prepare.

It will come as no surprise to you that following the recent budget announced by the Chancellor it will be more challenging than ever from April next year to provide a sustainable, quality food service at a price acceptable to everyone that uses it.

The main impact to all caterers will be the increase in staffing costs (up to 13.75% for some positions). In addition, you will have seen in the media that food costs continue to grow. For our menus, this represents a circa 8% increase. We will continue to try and mitigate these additional costs, however, as a result, we will reluctantly need to reflect them (in part) in our charges from the start of the summer term.

Your two course school meal price from 31st March 2025 will be:

**£2.65** (For Nursery children)

**£2.87** (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](mailto:customercare@dolce.co.uk)

Thank you for your understanding and continued support.

Kind Regards,  
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