

# Whitehill Junior School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

## Re: Herts Catering Limited (HCL) price increase from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2023

I am writing to inform you that from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2023 the cost of a junior meal (Year 3-6) will increase to £3.15. HCL have cited several factors for this increase which have affected us all over the past couple of years and as a company they are no longer able to absorb the costs.

I have been in ongoing dialogue with the CEO to discuss the price rises and the management fee that is being introduced to all schools and whether there is a solution. Despite my best efforts, I was not able to negotiate a reduced meal price.

Looking ahead, I am very aware that there are other catering companies that currently operate within Hertfordshire and will be considering whether these may offer a better deal for parents.

Kind regards

**Mr Steve Mills**  
Headteacher

