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**Re: Increase in pricing for school meals.**

Dear Parents / Carers

As you will be aware from on-going news coverage and indeed your own experience, prices of basic ingredients such as flour, pasta, eggs and sugar has soared. This food inflation has posed a real challenge to the hospitality sector, including our catering partner, Pabulum. Despite agreeing a price for school meals in September 2022, they returned in March to say that this was not sufficient for their business to be profitable. Only months into a new contract, the school felt it was unfair to go back to parents and ask for a further increase and so took the decision to subsidise the cost of meals for all children for the remainder of the school year. Unfortunately, this is not sustainable in the long term and we have no other option but to pass on the increased cost of school meals from September 2023, which will be at a cost of £2.60 per day / £13 per week.

**GAP & Early Risers**

In light of increased wage costs of our Playworkers and a higher food cost, we will need to increase our fees to £2.50 per session for Early Risers, which now includes a light breakfast. Whilst we are mindful that is another increase for parents to absorb, we know that is very competitively priced compared to other local provision. This is the minimum price we can set to keep the service viable, which we know is relied upon by many parents. To prevent passing on further increases, the school will absorb the increased costs associated with GAP club, and sessions will remain at £14 per session.

We are aware this is a difficult time for many families. If you have concerns about meeting any of these increased costs, please arrange a meeting with us to discuss by contacting our Business Manager, Mrs Clements on [aclements@cleves.co.uk](mailto:aclements@cleves.co.uk)

Yours sincerely

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