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Dear Parent/Guardian/Carer

Caterlink are delighted to be joining the St Francis Assisi Trust from September 2026 as their new catering provider. We are excited to have the opportunity to feed the imagination of future generations across the trust and to take our customers on a culinary journey around the world with our theme and destination days. For us it is important that we offer a balanced and nutritious menu at the various breaks and lunchtimes across the school day with our core values underpinning this. We are fuelled by the passion for food that is at the heart of all we do, driven by pride of the service our teams provide, and powered by our staff and customers.

Each year there are increased costs to our business, the annual rise of the National Living Wage (NLW) rate for our staff which this year has been 4.1% along with the continuing inflationary rises in food costs, which will continue to see unknown impacts due to the situations out of our control. Caterlink have worked closely with the St Francis Assisi Trust as we start our journey together to mitigate the costs as best we can but inevitably not all costs can be absorbed.

As such, in order to support the ever-rising costs, it is unfortunately unavoidable but to review the current prices/tariff for the next academic year. We are writing to communicate that there will be a meal price increase from September 2026. The current Primary set meal price will be increasing to £3:25 from £3:15.

Our focus will be to deliver a balanced, nutritious, healthy food offer across all our schools with a real emphasis on ensuring we have 2 fresh vegetables and salad on offer to accompany our tasty menus every day. We look forward to welcoming our new customers to the dining rooms across the trust in the autumn term.

Yours sincerely

Mark Harrison

Operations Director