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Dear Matt Towe,

We wrote to you recently outlining the challenges we need to face together following the worsening of the economic climate and we have been incredibly grateful for your understanding and continued support.

The increasing levels of food inflation, reaching at some points in the year over 19%, presented our biggest challenge but we are pleased to see those unprecedented levels have eased with percentage increases now being much lower.

The latest annual CPI inflation figure for food (and non-alcoholic beverages) at the time of writing this letter is 4% (up to March 2024).

You will also be aware that the National Living Wage increased by 9.8% to £11.44 in April 2024.

Taking these factors into consideration, our September price increase is reflected below and will be effective from 1st September 2024.

Meal price	Pupil Free	Pupil Paid	Nursery Free	Nursery Paid	Staff Free	Staff Paid
Current	£2.50	£2.50		£2.45	£2.50	£2.50
New	£2.63	£2.63		£2.57	£2.63	£2.63

We do, of course, continue to work hard to reduce the impact of cost increases through negotiations with our suppliers, working to increase meal uptake and through innovative menus and recipes with a view to keeping this and future price increases as low as we possibly can.

For more information please do not hesitate to contact me or our customer care team on 01942 707 709.

Yours Sincerely,
 Ben Woodward
 Regional Operations Director

