

# St Matthias Church of England Primary School



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## RE Increase in cost of school meals

Dear Parents/Carers,

You will hopefully be aware that recently we moved to a new catering company called Olive Dining. We hope that your children have reported back to you that the quality and options that they are having every lunch time has greatly improved. Olive Dining have taken on the Hackney catering contract, of which St Matthias was a part of, under short notice and have worked closely with the school and existing staff to launch successfully at the beginning of the academic year.

The reason the previous company pulled out of the contract is because the cost of meal prices was increasing unsustainably. Olive have worked with schools individually to find the most reasonable and sustainable price they can charge the school which is currently £2.50. **Unfortunately, this does mean an increase to £2.30 per meal to parents.** We understand that this is not the news parents want, and that we are all experiencing a cost of living crisis which is already putting many of us and our families under strain. St Matthias is committed to supporting families through this crisis where possible, and therefore we are subsidising the .20p difference for parents for the meantime. If and when this changes or becomes unfeasible for the school we will write to you again to notify you, with plenty of notice.

The increase will take place from Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2022. If you are concerned about this increase, please do contact the school. We would also like to remind you to apply for Free School Meals if you think you might be eligible.

Kind Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Kate Redman'.

Kate Redman  
Headteacher