

Coppull Parish Church School

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School Meal Price Change from September 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to let you know that, following a review of school meal funding and costs, the Governing Body has agreed to a small increase in the price of school lunches from **£2.90 to £3.00**, which will take effect from **September 2026**.

This decision follows guidance from Lancashire County Council, who have advised all schools to consider an increase due to rising national costs in food, staffing and essential services. Their most recent review highlighted increases in food inflation, the Foundation Living Wage and transport and operational costs. These pressures affect all school catering providers and the recommended price rise helps ensure that high-quality meals can continue to be provided for children.

We want to reassure you that:

- **The quality of meals will remain a priority.** Lancashire Catering Service continues to meet national food standards and maintains accreditations such as the Soil Association Food for Life Award and Sugarwise.
- **Menus will continue to be nutritious, balanced, and freshly prepared**, with a strong focus on children's health and wellbeing.
- **We have kept the increase as small as possible**, and only after careful consideration of the school budget and the need to maintain a sustainable catering service.

A reminder that **Universal Infant Free School Meals remain available for all children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2**. From **Year 3 onwards**, meals are chargeable unless your child is eligible for Free School Meals. If you believe your child may now qualify, or if your circumstances have recently changed, please contact the school office and we will be happy to support you with the application process.

Thank you, as always, for your understanding and continued support. Ensuring that children receive a healthy, enjoyable meal each day remains an important part of our school's commitment to their wellbeing.

Warm regards,

Mr Cooper (Headteacher)