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Dear Parent / Carer,

March Meal Price Increase

We hope your child(ren) has been enjoying our school lunches. We strive to provide a range of daily options that are popular, nutritious, and prepared using ethically sourced ingredients, requiring a high standard of craft skill.

After several years of challenging inflationary pressures affecting both food costs and the National Living Wage, it is a welcome change to be working with more manageable increases this year.

The latest annual CPI inflation figure for food and non-alcoholic beverages at the time of writing is 4.9% (up to October 2025). You will also be aware that the National Living Wage is set to increase by 4.1% to £12.71 in April 2026.

As a result, the price of your child's two-course school meal will change from **28th March 2026** to:

£3.29 (For children in Key Stage 2)

Please note, children eligible for Benefit-Related Free School Meals and Universal Free School Meals (Reception, Year 1, and Year 2) will continue to receive their meals free of charge.

If you have any further questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact Customer Care on 01942 707709 / customercare@dolce.co.uk

Thank you for your understanding and continued support.

Kind Regards,
Angie Lingwood
Head of Dolce Customer Care