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UPDATE ON SCHOOL MEALS – MAY 2023

Dear Parents,

As you know, in September, the school brought catering in-house due to dissatisfaction with suppliers and rising prices. We are now nearing the end of our first full year of organising the catering ourselves in school. We wanted to update you on the progress we have made.

The menus, which we designed ourselves using suggestions from your questionnaires last summer, are still proving very popular. The take up of the grab bag option, especially on school trip days, has been high. We would like to thank parents and pupils once again for supporting the school and hope this trend continues.

As explained by governors in a letter earlier this year, our objective is to provide good quality, value meals for families, which is especially important to us as a community school in the current financial climate. In September, we fixed the meal price at £2.75, subject to a review after the first term. This was reviewed in December and we were able to keep the price at £2.75 due to the high update of meals. A final review took place last week, and we can now confirm that the meal price will remain at £2.75 for the full next academic year. This is in comparison to the £2.98 that would have been charged by NY County caterers.

We strongly feel, that offering a meal at this price, despite rising food prices, offers good value for money. This makes Longman's Hill one of the cheapest schools in the area for school meal prices. The more pupils taking school meals, the easier it is to keep the price low, so please continue to support us. As a reminder, children in EYFS and KS1 (Y1 and Y2) are entitled to a free school meal (but this must be ordered for the school to receive the government subsidy). Ordering and paying for meals is easier than ever with our new online system. If you need a ParentPay account setting up, please speak to Mrs Crawford in the office.

We would like to thank the school cook, Mrs Allerton, and her team, Mrs Wagstaff and Mrs Wraight, for all their hard work in ensuring this new venture has been so successful.

Kind regards,

Mrs J Elcock
Headteacher

Mr R Muschamp
Chair of Governor Finance Committee

