



THE NEWBRIDGE SCHOOL

Lionheart Educational Trust

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Changes to the School Catering System

Dear Parents / Carers,

We as a group of schools, just like everyone else, have seen significant increases in the cost of key resources over the last 12 months, including gas and electricity and also essential and staple food ingredients which enable us to provide fresh and nutritious meals to our students.

We have been working closely with our key catering providers to identify how we might be able to minimise the impact of these cost increases. Work has continued over the summer and from the commencement of this academic year, we are looking to launch a new and revised lunch time menu. There will be exciting new dishes and we will regularly host theme days including the exciting new 'Kitchen 72' concept in partnership with a primary catering supplier Creed – for more information on this please see the attached brochure.

Price Increases

Despite the above and exploring a number of different alternative approaches, it is regretful that as a result of the cost pressures across the country, we have to inform you that we have increased the cost of our catering provision. An individual hot meal will now cost £2.50 with the option to include a drink and snack item for an additional 50p, creating a £3 hot meal deal. We appreciate the cost pressures you are all feeling at this difficult economic time and apologise for this unwelcome news.

Student Cards

Every student has been provided with a lanyard and student card. This card is linked to their account and will be the only method used to make purchases in our canteens. Please ensure that your child wears their lanyard every day, it is now part of the school uniform. There is no charge for the card or lanyard, however, if a child loses or damages their card or lanyard, there will be a charge of:

Card & Lanyard - £5.00
Card only - £2.00
Lanyard & Case - £3.00
Lanyard - £2.00

You can continue to top up your child's account using ParentPay.



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Free School Meals

If you receive free school meals, £3 will be credited onto your child's student card at midday every school day (if not spent within 24 hours, this credit will not roll over). Please note, this is a change to the system to stop students accidentally spending their allowance at break time and not having enough balance to pay for their lunch. If you wish your child to purchase a snack at break time, you can add additional credit to their account. There is also a £1.15 breakfast allowance that is available in the Diner between 8.15am -8.35am for Free School Meal students.

If you think you might be entitled to Free School Meals but do not currently claim for them, please do look on the local government website below to see if you are eligible:

<https://www.leicestershire.gov.uk/education-and-children/social-care-and-supporting-families/freeschool-meals>

Kind Regards

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