

15 October 2026

RE: Update to School Meal Prices

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are writing to inform you of an upcoming update to our school meal pricing, which will take effect starting from **1st November 2026**.

As you may know, the catering services across our schools are operated under a Private Finance Initiative (PFI) contract managed by Pinnacle FM with the catering subcontracted to Sodexo. Under the requirements of this long-term contract, formal benchmarking exercises must be carried out every 5 years to ensure the quality, competitiveness, and value for money of our services. While catering was not formally captured in the most recent benchmarking review, Sodexo has proposed a new meal pricing structure following a comprehensive review of operational costs.

For the past five years, the school meal price has remained frozen at £2.45. However, following proposals reviewed and accepted by the school trusts, the updated meal prices from 1st November 2026 onwards will be as follows:

Secondary Schools (Abbey Park, Nova Hreod, Uplands SEN): **£2.87 per paid meal**

Primary Schools (Red Oaks, Brimble Hill SEN, Moredon Primary, Orchard Vale Primary): **£2.75 per paid meal**

Free School Meals (FSM) / Universal Infant Free School Meals (UIFSM): Nil subsidy / fully funded as per statutory entitlement

Future meal price increases will be adjusted annually in line with RPIX (Retail Prices Index). Price changes will be announced annually in July and implemented at the start of the new academic year in September. We appreciate that any price increase can impact family budgets, and we have worked closely through the PFI structure to ensure these changes remain fair, reflect rising operational standards, and continue to deliver nutritious, high-quality meals for students.

If you have any questions regarding your child's meal accounts or entitlement to Free School Meals, please contact the school office.

Yours Sincerely,

Luke Rowe
Authority Representative – North Swindon Schools PFI
Swindon Borough Council

Tariff Menu



LUNCH

Main Meal Deal	£2.87
Main Meal	£2.55
Jacket Potato & 1 Filling	£2.55
Pizza Wedge	£2.00
Potted Daily Offer	£2.40
Handheld Daily Offer	£2.40
Soup & Roll	£2.10
Large Salad	£2.10

HOT PANINIS

 Hot Meat Panini	£2.80
1/2 Hot Meat Panini	£1.40
 Hot Panini	£2.40
1/2 Hot Panini	£1.20

COLD OFFER

Sandwich Wedge from ...	£2.10
Baguettes from..	£2.40
Wraps	£2.40

BEST BITES

Traybakes from ..	£1.20
Cookies	£1.20
Hot Pudding	£1.10
Fruit Pot	£0.90
Jelly Pot	£0.90
Fresh Whole Fruit	£0.50

DRINKS

Radnor Splash 500ml	£1.40
Radnor Fizz 330ml	£1.40
Radnor Still 200ml	£1.05
Radnor Fruit Juice 100% 125ml	£0.75
Milk carton	£1.10
Viva Flavoured Milk	£1.30
Bottled Water	£0.75

MISC

Sauce sachet	£0.14
Propercorn	£1.35

LOOK OUT FOR THE SAVER BITES
SYMBOL ON THE MENU & ENJOY
YOUR FAVOURITE FOODS IN
HALF PORTIONS FOR LESS!

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MAIN MEAL DEAL

HOT MAIN + 2 x SIDES
&
DESSERT POT or FRUIT
FOR ONLY

£2.87