



St Anne's Catholic Primary School

School Meal Price Increase

January 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

As you are aware, Gateshead Council currently provide our school meals, offering a range of delicious choices. Their freshly cooked meals provide the perfect balance of essential nutrients and exceed national standards for school lunches.

Over the last 12 months, they have seen continuous increases with their food costs and food inflation is running at 4.9%. They also have continuous increased pressures within the supply chain, which massively impact their costs and they are still spending significant amounts on food.

As a result of this, Gateshead Council will be increasing their cost per meal to £3.10.

As a school, we will subsidise part of this increase. However, we are not able to subsidise the full amount. We will be able to subsidise 5p per meal.

From 1st April 2026, school meals will increase to £3.05 per meal.

Do not hesitate to contact the school should you have any queries.

Yours Sincerely,

Mrs Watkins
Head of School