

Dear Parent/Guardian

IFG proudly serves over 700,000 students nutritious meals each day. Our award-winning teams are dedicated to serving vibrant, appetising food, freshly prepared on site using quality ingredients. To enable us to continue to do this, our **meal price will increase to £2.75 from April 2026**. Below we have outlined some of the cost pressures which have driven this increase.

Food Inflation: We buy British and support our local economy where possible and because of inflation and increasing minimum wage, this has meant we have received increases of 3%+ from our suppliers. The increase is not only the cost of delivering to our sites but also the products we purchase. We have robustly negotiated and mitigated with our suppliers, ensuring we maintain quality, however an increase has been applied across most of the ingredients we purchase.

Employee Funding & Retention: In April, the Government will increase the minimum wage by 4.1%, while this is a positive move which will ease cost pressures for many of our colleagues. Alongside this, to retain and attract a high standard of leadership, we will increase wages for supervisory and managerial roles. Despite positive advancements, the combination of these factors means significant ongoing cost demands across our industry, many of which we have absorbed throughout the academic year

We continue to seek ways of mitigating the costs associated with these challenges, however, we refuse to compromise on ingredients or service standards. We remain proud to serve a home cooked main meal and dessert, as well as other options. We truly believe we offer students innovative dishes whilst providing families with great value for money.

Through partnering with schools, we continue to see more students enjoying our services. Whilst this is great news and tells us our menus are popular with students, we are always looking to encourage more young people to dine with us. If you have any feedback we would love to hear from you.

We hope you understand our position and your family can continue to enjoy our services. We remain open and honest about our challenges and will continue to seek your input. Should you wish to discuss this letter, or anything else relating to your catering service, please get in touch.

Kindest regards



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