

Dear Parents and Carers of all Oak Trees MAT Schools.

I am writing to keep you up to date on the issue of costs and charges across our schools in the future.

As you will be aware, the cost of many items and services has increased significantly over the past 12 months with high inflation, the fallout from Covid-19, Brexit and now the issues with Russia and Ukraine having a huge impact on the British economy. The cost of energy, as I am sure you are all aware, has increased significantly, and again this is something of which we have no control. The knock on effect of this has been that our suppliers and service providers are now having to significantly increase their costs to our schools as a consequence of the national issues.

All our schools across the Trust do everything they can to keep costs low for parents, and we will continue to do this as we move forward. However, a number of key service providers, including those for school meals and residential trips are now starting to increase their prices due to increased fuel and food costs, and this may lead to some schools having to increase the price of some aspects of school provision. Whilst we will do everything we can to keep this to a minimum, I am sure that all our parents and carers will understand that this is in response to external factors rather than the schools themselves.

Yours sincerely,

**Tony Lacey** 

Chief Executive Officer

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