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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to inform you about some changes to our breakfast club provision as of 3rd of September. You may not know but all schools are now being encouraged to join the government breakfast scheme whereby the aim is to offer breakfast to as many children as possible free. I'm sure you are aware that we were already doing this through Magic Breakfast but that provision will be replaced by the government scheme. This will directly affect the way we run our breakfast club provision.

We will continue to offer a paid service for children attending breakfast club from 7:45. The government scheme has some specific requirements about how we deliver the free provision whereby they require schools to offer free breakfast for 30 minutes before school officially starts.

As we officially start at 8:55 we would offer the free provision from 8:25, everyday for any child who wishes to attend **from reception to year 6**, unfortunately this does not include nursery aged children. To ensure your child is able to access the free breakfast we would need them to **be at school for 8:25**, no earlier, and very late arrivals may not be able to access a free breakfast as the government scheme will only fund children who attend the full 30 minutes.

Any parent requiring the full wrap around care can still attend a paid for session but to reflect the free 30 minutes and breakfast element we are reducing the cost to parents. **The new cost would be £3.00 for anyone attending between 7:45 and 8:25.** There would no longer be a 2 tier pricing system. The free element will only start at 8:25 which will mean that any child previously qualifying and attending from 8 am for free unfortunately will only be able to attend the free session from 8:25 or would need to pay to attend earlier.

We will still, always feed any child who is hungry through the day but we ask that as many children as possible attend the free session from 8:25 to enable school to receive funding for each child who attends. We know that all parents try hard to ensure a healthy breakfast is eaten but as many of the staff are parents ourselves we are very aware of how difficult this can be when children may be rushing because they find it difficult to get up or who aren't feeling hungry first thing in the morning and this offers an alternative. We have also noticed more of the older children attending the shops and eating chocolate bars or crisps on their way to school which is a habit we want to prevent where possible. Running the free breakfast session means we can continue to ensure children are in their seats on time and have had the opportunity to sit with friends and eat a healthy breakfast and start their day off positively.

For clarification: as of Thursday 3rd September:

Breakfast club: 7:45-8:25- Cost £3.00 for any child attending between these times

Free breakfast session for all children: 8:25-8:55 (please do not arrive earlier as you will be charged for the session- this is to ensure children are not left unsupervised around school grounds)

- Arrive at the first hall door for both sessions
- paid for breakfast club does not need to be booked, as usual your child can just arrive on the day.

- Initially the free breakfast session can also be attended without booking. We need to review this however going forward to ensure we can staff the free session effectively

If you are unsure about any of this and need further explanation please talk to breakfast club staff when you arrive or email your child's class teacher with any questions you may have.

Enjoy the remainder of your break and we will see everyone back on Thursday 3rd September.

Yours Sincerely

SJ Whiteside

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