

Dear Parents and Carers of St Cuthbert's,

Breakfast Club and After School Club Costs

The school office has been contacted by a few parents/carers to discuss a reduction in costs of our wraparound provision at St Cuthbert's now that our school day is longer.

Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club runs from 8.00am until the children are dropped off at class in time for registration. During their time in Breakfast Club, the children are taken care of by members of our school staff. The children are provided with breakfast and the rooms and toilets need to be cleaned ready for the beginning of the school day. A senior member of staff is available before the school day begins to ensure any safeguarding and child protection concerns brought to our attention during this time can be addressed and children supported appropriately.

Breakfast Club costs £2.00 per day and is free to children who are in receipt of a Free School Meal. Some schools are able to offer their Breakfast Club for free to all of their pupils because they are in receipt of extra funding via Greggs but St Cuthbert's does not qualify for this funding because we do not have enough children on roll who are in receipt of a free school meal.

After School Club

After School Club runs from 3.15pm until 6.00pm. The arrangements and necessary staffing for After School Club are the same as above, however, children are able to access a whole host of activities during After School Club time using all of the wonderful provision we have available in our school.

After School Club costs £5.00 until 4.00pm, £10.00 until 5.00pm and £15.00 until 6pm. We also offer a sibling reduction. We have very little take up after 5.00pm but keep the provision open for the limited families who use it. **This remains under review.**

I am sorry that some families feel that we are not providing good value for money with our wraparound provision but we cannot afford to reduce the prices. We have kept these costs the same for a significant period of time despite considerable wage rises for support staff and massive increases in our food and energy bills. We have kept our prices the same because we know parents and carers are also struggling with the same rising costs as we are. We feel that our provision is of a very good standard, run by our own school staff and that all of the children's needs, including the range of health and safety requirements and safeguarding and child protection needs, are being fully catered for. Consideration must also be made for the cost of running the building's amenities (gas and electricity) above and beyond the normal school opening hours.

We have conducted our research and due diligence and believe our provision to be very competitively priced and that it is more than good value for money. For example, a member of staff at St Cuthbert's, whose children are on roll at a nearby Catholic school, pays £6.00 per child for Breakfast Club each morning. Our wraparound provision is **NON-PROFIT MAKING**. We provide these services to support the small number of our families who need this type of provision. We must ensure that our school budget, meant for teaching and learning purposes and for the good of all of the children of St Cuthbert's, is not being used or relied upon by a small number of families to subsidise this type of provision.

If any parent or carer wishes to discuss this matter further, please contact the school office to make an appointment with me at your earliest convenience.

Thank you and best wishes,

Mrs Anne Bullerwell

Headteacher