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CHANGE TO AFTER SCHOOL CLUB TIMINGS FROM 27.2.2023

Dear Parents and Carers

In common with other schools and early years providers, it is currently proving difficult to recruit staff and to obtain agency workers to cover sickness or training related absences.

In addition to this, the current strain on budgets, due to factors associated with the cost-of-living crisis, also presents a significant obstacle for us to overcome. Much like the personal budget challenges that we all face as individuals, the school funding we receive from the government has not kept pace with our rapidly growing costs. Tough decisions are being made in settings across the country about how to make best use of their limited resources.

Given this challenging context, we need to make some swift changes in order to make the best use of our resources. Following discussions with our Board of Governors, we have made the decision to reduce our end of day 'wraparound' (after school club) times to 3:00pm - 5:00pm, rather than the current 3:00pm - 6:00pm. The last hour of the day is used by very few families and this change will allow us to consolidate the staff team within the core day to minimise disruption.

This means that from Monday 27th February 2023, all children attending our after school club will need to be collected by 5:00pm, when the whole site will close each day.

We appreciate that this is less notice than we would normally offer however, we hope you are able to appreciate the need for action in these circumstances to avoid further disruption to the children's core entitlement.

The current charge of £13:00 per day for our after school club will be reduced to £11.00 per day from 27.2.2023. We are however, in the process of reviewing all our fees for the new financial year (April 2023) in response to inflationary pressures, as we have not raised our fees for several years.

If you have any queries or questions, please do not hesitate to call us to talk these through – (0121) 675 3065.

Yours faithfully

David Aldworth
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