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Together We Achieve

Thursday 7th December 2023

Dear Parents & Carers,

Re: After School Care fees

As some of you may be aware, our After School Care price is one of the lowest in the borough at just £7.50 a session. This has been unchanged since 2016. However, with increased demand for the provision this year, we have recruited additional staff to ensure ratios are adequate.

As a result of the additional cost and increased staff costs generally over the last few years, we will be changing the price to **£9 a session**. Having compared this to other local schools, we will still be one of the most affordable extended hours providers in the area, with some schools charging as much as £20 per session if not booked well in advance.

We will also be making changes to the booking times. As we need to inform additional staff if they are needed in advance (as some pupils don't attend regularly), we need to know confirmed numbers by midday on the day of the club. It will therefore not be possible to book After School Care after 12:00pm on the day from January.

While we understand there are sometimes circumstances beyond our control which mean parents are occasionally late to collect their children, we expect to be contacted and informed of the estimated time of arrival. Those who are regularly late may need to pay for an additional session as staff will need to be paid to remain with their child after the end of the session. This will be discussed with parents/carers on a case by case basis.

Booking will still be organised through the School Gateway app and any issues with your app should be discussed with Ms Chamberlain in the office. Payment is required in advance to secure your place and those in arrears may be unable to use the provision until they are in credit. If you have difficulty paying, please speak to the office.

Yours sincerely

Ms Hasker

Headteacher

