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### **Re: Wraparound Care at Sicklinghall**

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are delighted that some of you have returned to using the Wrap Around Care provision now that we are back at school. Miss Fielding and Miss Hobbs have been working hard to provide indoor and outdoor activities for the children to do – last week they enjoyed sports and a party to celebrate the Queen's 95<sup>th</sup> Birthday!

However, following analysis of the school budgets and discussions at Governors, we felt that it was important to be honest and open about the situation we find ourselves in.

During 2020-21, Wraparound Care accrued a deficit of £13.6k. Much of this relates to Covid, but the previous year was a loss of £4.7k.

A significant proportion of the loss is due to the current pricing structure not covering the costs of the staff required to run the service. For example, the cost of running just the After School part of Wrap Around care is approximately £75 per night. On most nights there are only 2 children using the service (bringing a Maximum income of £20). Sicklinghall After School Club currently has loss of at least £220 per week.

There are two factors that must be addressed:

- 1) The current pricing structure doesn't allow us to cover the staff costs – increased costs will only solve **part** of the problem.
- 2) Without more children utilising the services on a morning and an evening, there will be no other option but to reduce the days we are open or close completely.

This is categorically not what we want but we must run a cost neutral service in order to provide this service.



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We understand that Covid-19 means that many families are unsure when their work will return to any sort of 'normal'; however, if you think that you will need this service in September, we ask that you start using both Breakfast Club and After School Club **now** if you are able to.

A survey will be sent out in due course to assess the Wrap Around requirements from September.

### **New Pricing Structure:**

**From Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2021, the new pricing structure will be as follows:**

#### **Breakfast club**

Before 8:15am - £6.50

After 8:15am - £5.00

#### **After School Club:**

3:30 – 4:40pm - £10

3:30 – 6pm - £12

The price increase has been calculated to cover costs moving forward so that the service can continue if the numbers also increase alongside it. We are not aiming to make back the losses to date. However, it is important that parents understand that school is not allowed to use school budget to support Wrap Around Care costs. Losses of that magnitude are equivalent to large proportions of Teaching Assistant hours.

It is vital to future proof the service; to do that, we need at least the number of families currently using the service to continue to do so moving forward.

This will be under review but we are really positive that these changes will future proof our Wrap Around Care provision.

Thank you for your continued support,

Zoe Pickard  
Headteacher