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Dear Parents and Carers,

Changes to the Out of School Club Charging Policy

Ever since the pay freeze on Local Government staff was lifted, the salary costs of running the Out of School Club have escalated. This, combined with increases in National Insurance and Pension contributions, has meant that the OSC is running at a loss. The School's Budget is already under severe pressure, and cannot afford to subsidise the OSC. Therefore, we have been forced to review the OSC charging policy. For information, the OSC fees have not been changed since October, 2012.

The current policy of charging a different hourly rate, (£2.90 or £2.60) depending on the number of sessions each child attends, is cumbersome and time consuming to administer, as well as being confusing to some of those who use the OSC. In order to streamline the policy, it has been decided to introduce a fixed rate charge of £2.70 per hour wef 1st January, 2018. This will generate some much needed additional income for the OSC and so help it to balance its books. The majority of families who pay to use the OSC will inevitably see a small increase in their weekly fees. However, by setting the rate at £2.70, we have been able to ensure that some families will actually pay slightly less than they do currently. A further review will take place in the Summer term once the effect of the pay award due on 1st April, 2018 are known.

We will be in touch at the start of the Spring Term to confirm your new weekly amount. If you have any questions regarding the OSC fees please contact Mrs.Hutchinson in the School Office.

Kind regards

Christine Reynolds

Headteacher

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