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Dear Parents/Carers

River Club price increases effective from 1st April 2023

Firstly, I would like to thank you for your ongoing support and commitment to River Club. I understand how important it is to our families to have before and after school childcare provision and I am extremely proud of the excellent care that we offer, run by our own team of staff who know your children so well. Over the past few years we have continued to see a steady increase in uptake which reflects positively on the quality of the childcare we are providing for you.

Unfortunately, the costs of running the club are high, particularly in light of the steep rises in energy costs and food provision as well as increased staffing costs. As a result, we have effectively been running River Club at a loss, which the school cannot continue to fully subsidise.

Whilst I am not running the club to make a profit for the school, as I see it as a service that is a necessity for working parents and carers, I do need to ensure that the club covers its costs. After a recent review of the financials for River Club (we have not increased prices for nearly six years), along with comparisons made to costs charged by local schools, I have made the decision to offer greater flexibility in booking our after-school sessions but have also had to increase the charges. It is hoped that the new tailored sessions for families who use River Club after a school club, will ease the financial impact for those using it for shorter sessions. In addition, I have removed the restriction of having to book one day in advance to assist families who need to make 'on the day' arrangements.

The new fees are as follows:

Breakfast club will now have a flat fee of £3.50.

We will now offer the following after school sessions priced on the basis of £5 per hour – **all of which will include food:**

- 3.20pm – 4pm £3.30
- 3.20pm-5pm £8.50
- 3.20pm – 6pm £12
- 4.00pm-5pm £5
- 4pm – 6pm £10

These price increases will be effective from 1st April 2023 and we will review them again before September. If you have any concerns regarding these increases, please either contact myself or my Bursar, Zoe Pemberton.

Yours faithfully,

Gillian Lovatt-Young
Head Teacher

