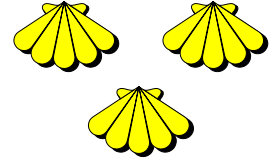


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Dear Parents and Carers

Re: After School Club charges

Whilst we realise the ASC is one of the many facilities that is unavailable to us all right now, we wanted to update you on its provision and advise of some changes we need to make.

The After School Club is organised by the school and has been since 2009, but is provided separately. The costs of running the club are fixed, and with only very minor exceptions (e.g. food, and only when there is advance notice of closure) must be paid by the school regardless of whether the club is able to operate for any given session(s). This is the case whether the school is closed for a day because of a broken boiler or water leak, or for a month because of government restrictions. Therefore:

- The school has never sought to make a profit from the ASC, however it is important that it does not lose money - a school subsidy would be unfair on children of the majority of families who do not use the service
- ASC prices have not risen since the school took over running it 11 years ago, however costs have gone up; consequently, the ASC is now running at a loss
- It has therefore become necessary for us to raise pricing slightly; however, it will remain below the average cost of similar facilities provided by other schools locally
- At the end of this term, prices will be rising to £6 for a short session and £11 for a full session
- This will happen from the start of the Summer term, following the Easter holidays
- There will continue to exist full-session discounts for siblings: 2nd children will be charged at £9 and 3rd children at £7
- If you are late picking up your child(ren) from a short session, we must charge for a full session for that day, i.e. a further £5. This is because the club may be unable to operate with fewer staff in the later session if numbers have not gone down
- If you are late picking up your child(ren) from a full session, then there will also be a £5 charge; however, we will allow 5 minutes leeway to 5.50pm to cover traffic delays, etc



- We require a half-term's notice for cancellation of a place. Refunds will not be available for any unused portion of a current half-term. This has actually always been the case, but we believe it may not be widely appreciated
- The school is unable to provide refunds if the facility is unavailable. We realise there have sometimes been refunds for sessions in the past when the school has been closed as gestures of goodwill, but these risk causing confusion and also mean charges would have to rise yet further, given that the costs to the school of providing the club are fixed and not refundable themselves

We recognise that the ASC is a hugely valued service for many families, and we hope you'll agree that, even following these increases, it still represents good value for money. With the club once again breaking even, we will be pleased to be able to allow the facility to be offered on a fair and ongoing basis.

If you have any questions, please contact the school office.

Yours sincerely,

High Wych School Governing Board

