



Wednesday 3rd May 2023

Advance Notice – FLAG Club Costings

Dear Parents,

Over recent years, our before school and after school club (FLAG Club) has become increasingly popular. The children enjoy the activities, snacks and their relationships that they build with staff whilst attending FLAG Club. Our recent Ofsted report highly praised our FLAG club stating that, *'Many children enjoy attending FLAG breakfast club – it allows them to energetically play with friends of different ages or quietly enjoy games and conversations with adults.'* We are proud of our wrap-around provision. We are proud that our FLAG Club staff are our school staff and that we do not use an external provider. We are also proud that the costs for children attending FLAG Club are significantly lower than they are for any other local setting or childcare option.

As you may be aware, the school has managed to keep the cost of attending FLAG Club static for a considerable time. There has not been a price increase since I have been in post at the school. Unfortunately, keeping costs down has become more challenging and never more so than in current times when our staffing costs have increased. We have also found a significant rising cost when buying resources and food. I am sure that you have noticed this in shops or local supermarkets yourselves.

Unfortunately, our current price for sessions in FLAG Club is no longer possible to sustain. Therefore, we are writing to give you advance notice that we will have to increase our price from after the May half-term break (week commencing Monday 29th May 2023). From this date, the price of each FLAG Club session will increase by £1.00.

We appreciate that the price increase will be hard and particularly for families who use FLAG club for a majority of the week or have more than one child attend. For all parents, there is a Government scheme that may benefit you. The income cap for this support is quite high and some of our parents who already use this scheme do speak positively about it. Parents need to register for the tax-free support themselves but generally, £2 can be given back to you for every £8 you spend on childcare. Please visit the following link if you are interested: <https://www.gov.uk/tax-free-childcare>

The new costs for FLAG club sessions from Monday 5th June are:

08:00 – 08:45	All ages	£3.50
15:15 – 16:30	Reception	£5.00
15:30 – 16:30	Years 1-6	£4.50
16:30 – 17:00	All ages	£3.00
17:00 – 17:30	All ages	£3.00

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Although having to increase our FLAG Club prices is disappointing, we are sure you will agree that this is an understandable necessity and that we still offer great value for money with our wrap around care. We thank you for your understanding and for your continued support. If you have any questions, please do contact us.

Yours sincerely,



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Headteacher



Mr Coppin
Chair of Governors



Miss Gallagher
FLAG Club Leader

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