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***Together, Everyone, Achieves, More***

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Breakfast and After School Club provision

At Beechfield School, we aim to provide a high quality service which meets the needs of both pupils and their parents and carers before and after school. For a child, this means an environment that is safe, supportive, encouraging, nurturing, a place to be with friends and make new ones, try out new activities, to relax, to have fun and enjoy. For parents and carers, this means knowing that your child is safe and happy in a club that is reliable and offers a consistent service. We have recently taken the opportunity to review this provision.

As many of you are aware, the breakfast club at Beechfield School has run for a number of years. Throughout this time, the cost has remained the same despite this not covering the actual costs incurred by the school.

Unfortunately, as many of you will be aware, school budgets are becoming ever tighter and we can no longer afford to subsidise this provision, we must ensure that our costs are covered. Therefore, from January 2019, the Breakfast club will cost £3.00 per session per child. Having reviewed other provision in the area, we believe that this is still good value for the childcare provided. We are confident that the Breakfast club still continues to provide a high quality service meeting the needs of both parents/carers whilst allowing children the opportunity to have a healthy nutritious start to the day. Following feedback from parents, we have been able to bring forward the start time forward to 7.45am.

We are hoping to further improve our After School Club in the Spring Term by offering the children a healthy snack. Caterlink, our catering company are currently working on a 'Lite Bite' menu. We will let you know further details nearer the time. Please note, there is no anticipated change to the cost of the After School Club.

We have also taken this opportunity to assess the administration of these clubs. Parents will continue to book through the School Gateway app. Bookings must be booked and paid for in advance. We are also requesting parents complete a registration form and sign a copy of the schools' terms and conditions for both clubs. These forms will be held by the staff in the clubs. Both forms are attached and will also be available on our website from the 5th November 2018.



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I am sure that these changes will continue to improve the before and after school experience for our pupils. Whilst the need to increase the price of Breakfast club is disappointing, we believe we are still providing good value for parents and we hope that your children will continue to benefit from these clubs.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "G Jackson". The letter "G" is large and stylized, with a loop at the bottom. The name "Jackson" is written in a cursive style.

Gillian Jackson  
Headteacher