

Rounds Green Primary School

Brades Rd., Oldbury, West Midlands, B69 2DP

Head Teacher: Dr Sarah Batstone

Tel: 0121 552 1910 Fax: 0121 552 7332



24th May 2017

Breakfast, After School and Late Clubs

Dear Parent/Carer,

As you are aware, Rounds Green Primary currently runs 3 clubs, Breakfast, After School and Late Clubs.

There have been several concerns raised over the past 12 months regarding the decreasing numbers of children attending the clubs and the issues of staffing and running them. Recent monitoring has also highlighted some serious concerns in respect of the financial viability of keeping the clubs in operation. For example, the Late Club has an average of only 4 children attending and the clubs overall made a combined loss last year of £2296. I am sure you will agree that given the current constraints on school budgets school funds should not be used to subsidise clubs and could be used more effectively in the classroom.

In reviewing our own practice, we have also carried out a benchmarking exercise which looked at other schools providing a similar service in the area. This showed that almost all schools within the local area are charging substantially more for the same level of provision and most After School Clubs operate for an hour only.

At our recent governing board meeting, these issues were discussed in depth. In view of this, the board have subsequently decided that from 1st September 2017:

- The Breakfast Club will increase its daily charge to £3.00
- The After School Club will increase its daily charge to £3.00
- The Late Club will no longer operate.

Governors also discussed the financial, staffing and safeguarding concerns raised with regard to the frequency of parents collecting their children late from After School Club. Therefore, from 1st September 2017 we will be also be introducing a late collection charge of £5 for every 15 minutes (or part of) that children are collected late.

Whilst we understand that the closure of the Late Club may cause a problem for working parents, it is simply unsustainable for us to operate the club with such low numbers. With this in mind, by informing you of this decision now I am hopeful that parents will have an appropriate amount of notice in order to make alternative arrangements.

I do hope you will understand the position of the school in taking this difficult decision and I would like to thank you as always for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "G Craig".

Mr G Craig
Chair of Governors

