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Dear Parents of children who used wraparound care in the Autumn term,

With the school fully reopening on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March, I am delighted that we are in a position to reopen the Breakfast and After-School club so that we can offer you wraparound childcare. This can be booked online via School Money website.

However, I am writing to inform you of the impact that lockdowns and restrictions have had on this club. As we approach the end of the financial year, the club is forecast to have lost more than £10,000. This is despite the furloughing of staff. We had no income from March to September, and then it has just been hit by this current lockdown. In fact, since the first lockdown last year, we have lost 26 out of a possible 38 weeks worth of income!

We have to operate under covid restrictions, the main restriction being the need to keep group sizes small and consistent. During last term, we took a proportionate approach by gradually increasing the bubble sizes. Our forecasts show that if the numbers attending the club remain at the level they were in December, the club will not lose money and will remain viable.

We know that many parents remain furloughed, and that many have had their working patterns changed, which includes more working from home. This affects demand for the club.

Therefore, please can I ask that if you want your child to have access to the breakfast or after-school club that you book at least two sessions a week. As the term progresses and the weather warms, they will be able to get outside more and have the lovely outside space that the school has to offer.

After the Easter holiday, we will be increasing the cost of After-School Club from £8 to £9. This is the first price rise since 2018 and will allow us to improve the activities and resources available to the children.

As before, the cost includes everything, from food to any baking/arts/crafts materials that they use.

I know that the club is vital to many of you, and that many of the children are very happy to attend even when they don't need to. I give you my reassurance that we will do all that we can to keep the clubs viable, and with your support, I am confident that we can achieve this.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Waller

