



A FREE Breakfast Club for our pupils

North Walney Primary, Nursery & Pre-School

"The Place to be - where Children are at our Heart"

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Dear Parents and Carers

Following a recent audit of the school accounts and in order to ensure we continue to cover staffing costs as we move forwards, I am afraid I have to inform you that certain prices for childcare are going to have to increase from 1st April 2019.

These changes will affect the costs for Natterjacks and the costs for Pre-School and Nursery extra hours. All price rises are purely to cover rising staff costs and will not be used to make any profit for the school as we still wish to keep prices as low as possible for parents. Understandably, though, we must cover the school's expenses. We have also not raised any prices at all during my time at the school – so nothing has changed for at least 3 years, yet provision costs have continued to rise.

Therefore from 1st April 2019 the following charges will be applied:

- Natterjacks After School Care for the first hour's care will cost £3.00 per child (£2.50 for a sibling attending the same session)
- Natterjacks After-School Care for any children beyond the first hour until 5pm at the latest, will cost £5.50 (£5.00 for a sibling attending the same session)
- Wagtails Pre-School extra sessions will rise to a cost of £12 per morning or afternoon
- Extra Nursery hours will rise to £4.00 per hour including £4.00 for lunchtime cover
- Wagtails Pre-School lunchtime supervision will also rise to £4.00 per session

I know this is a hike in prices that some parents will feel is difficult to manage, but as I said at the beginning, the school must cover its own costs for any provision outside and above the school's actual obligation and these are the cheapest prices we can manage to continue to operate. The only other option would be to close Natterjacks and any offer of extra hours at either Wagtails or the Nursery and this is something we desperately do not want to have to do.

Also, from September we **may** have to start charging for Breakfast Club once again as our funding runs out to cover staffing costs and it looks like we will not be able to apply for it again. I have informed the Greggs Foundation of this as their support does not cover staffing costs and thankfully they are going to see how else they can support us. If they cannot then the cost will be set at £2.50 per child from any time between 7:45 and 8:45am. If I do manage to find extra funding before then I will, of course, let you know.

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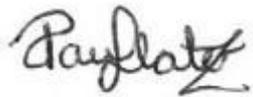
Ofsted 2017: 'Early Years continues to be strong and the management of teaching is stronger and more effective having transformed in a surprisingly short period of time. Everyone has faith in the school which has strong pupil welfare and safeguarding with great sensitivity and caring shown to all pupils.'

Finances are always difficult – both at home and at school – and I trust you all understand that it is with a heavy heart that we are having to transfer all of these increases directly to you but we hope you will feel you can continue to support the school and that you feel that our extra provision is worth the money you spend on it.

On a positive note, Mrs Malone has now set us up for the Government's Childcare Choices which means that for every £8.00 you spend, they will contribute a further £2.00. For more details just call in and ask her.

Should you have any questions, then please do not hesitate to contact me. As always, email is the easiest way to get hold of me, but by all means call in if you see that I am in school.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Paul Slater". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'P' and a long, sweeping underline.

Paul Slater