

## Otterham C P School

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Dear Parents 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2024

Firstly, a huge welcome back to the 24/25 academic year! We are all very excited to be seeing you again tomorrow and I hope your children are looking forward to getting back into the swing of things or indeed making those first steps into primary school. Breakfast Club is available.

Class teachers will be communicating with you regarding sequences of learning, timetables, PE requirements, homework and any specific resources that may be needed, but one reminder for all is that unfortunately the weather is looking somewhat damp, especially towards the end of the week and so raincoats will be needed from the get go I'm afraid. Coats aside, I am looking forward to seeing smart, school uniform clad pupils walking through our doors tomorrow. We do have a fair stock of second-hand fleeces, jumpers, dresses and t shirts. Feel free to pop in and have a look to see if there is anything you could make use of (we are here until 5 pm today).

Our After School Club provision will start week beginning Monday 16<sup>th</sup> September. Details will be sent out before the end of the week. Before the end of the Summer Term, we asked you whether there was a need/want for a childcare provision, separate to the After School Clubs beyond 4.30 pm. There was a fairly positive response to this and so we shall be trialling a childcare provision for half a term in the first instance to see if we can make it economically viable for all. Due to the numbers involved, prices will be initially set at £2.50 per ½ hour and the provision will run until 5.30 pm. After School Clubs will be priced at £3 for the hour.

A couple of examples of costings:

- 1 After School Club (eg KS2 Cookery) then childcare until 5.30 pm £3 After School Club + £5 (2 x £2.50 for 1 hr childcare) = £8.00
- 2 No After School Club but childcare until 5.30 pm  $4 \times £2.50 = £10.00$

Breakfast Club, After School Club and Childcare provision needs to be pre-booked via School Money and select the required days you wish your child to attend and then make the payment before the bookings are confirmed on our system. I do hope this makes sense. The childcare provision will be available to all, regardless of whether you expressed an interest in July or not. The more children that use it, the cheaper it may become. We are hoping to start this provision week beginning 16<sup>th</sup> September, but the logistics of setting the system up are tricky, we will keep you informed, please be patient.

I'm sure there will be other information to share with you shortly, but for now, this should get us started.

As always, any questions, please don't hesitate to ask.

Kind regards

Mrs Helen Ward Headteacher