



St Bernadette's Catholic Primary School

'Doing our best for God'

6th July 2023

Dear Parent/Carer

Whilst we make every effort to keep costs to parents at a minimum, unfortunately, due to school incurring increasing financial pressures, we have no option than to increase our charges from time to time.

You have already received a letter informing you that the cost of school meals will increase to £2.40 per day from September. This is due to Blackpool Catering increasing what they charge us for the children's meals. In order to keep our charges to a minimum, we will continue to provide meals at cost price, school subsidises the costs for kitchen equipment and other cooking expenses.

A review has taken place on the Breakfast and After school clubs. Currently these are charged at £6.50 for an after school club session and £4.00 for breakfast club. From September the after school club will be £7.00 per session, breakfast club will remain at £4.00.

This increase is due to the rising costs of staffing and also the provision of snacks and resources. We have benchmarked with other local schools in order to ensure that we are offering value for money. These clubs are there to support our families and we know that they are vital for many working parents.

We ask that you continue to use ParentPay to make a booking/cancellation wherever possible. The phone booking service to the office will remain for last minute bookings. However, due to the popularity of the clubs, we are finding that they are often full so we cannot always accommodate the short notice bookings. ParentPay will allow a cancellation up to 72 hours before the booking. Cancellation can be made up to 24 hours before via the school office. After this point they will still be chargeable, (unless there is a waiting list or your child is absent from school on the day of the booking).

As per the letter sent out last week, I would like to reiterate that we do appreciate that this may put increased pressure on families at already difficult times. If you need any support at all, please do not hesitate to contact the school office or Mrs Duke. The direct line for Mrs Duke is 01253 353687.

Yours faithfully

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