

Battle Hill Primary School

Newsletter June 29th 2017

**UPDATE**

**Changes to Breakfast Club, After School Club and Playgroup Charges  
September 2017**

As I reported last week, Breakfast Club is running at a loss of approximately £13,000 per year, and After School Club is running at a loss of £4,500. Effectively, this has meant that the school has been paying for pupils' childcare costs, rather than spending money on the children's education.

I would like to repeat that our school budget (like many other schools') has been cut, meaning that we can no longer sustain this level of loss. It has never been our intention to make profit out of these clubs, but if we do not break even, this will contribute to the school going into a deficit budget situation. Staff redundancies would be inevitable, resulting in larger classes and less support for our children. Unfortunately, there is no alternative; the school must be run as a business. Many of you will be aware that the Local Authority Childcare Nursery which operated on our premises had to close because it was running at a deficit and the governors would not like to be faced with looking for an outside provider should we not be able to sustain losses.

Playgroup charges have had to be raised in order to cover increased staffing costs.

The school's governors finance committee has met again to look at reviewing charges and has agreed to move forward in September 2017 with the following charges for services:

<b>Breakfast Club</b> 7.45- 8.55am	£2 per day 2 <sup>nd</sup> and subsequent siblings £1.50 £1 for pupils arriving at or after 8.30am (breakfast still provided) <u>Free for pupils eligible for Pupil Premium funding</u>
<b>After School Club</b> 3.15- 5.15pm	£3 per hour 2 <sup>nd</sup> and subsequent siblings £2 per hour
<b>Playgroup</b> 8.30-11.30 am and 12.15-3.15pm	£7.50 per session Discounted rates available for siblings.