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Dear Parents and Carers,

Breakfast Club Changes

We are writing to inform you of an upcoming adjustment in our out of school care, effective 1st April 2026.

After careful consideration and a thorough review of our operational costs, it has become necessary to implement a modest increase. This adjustment is essential to ensure that we can maintain the high standards of care, education, and facilities that Bacton Primary School is committed to providing.

The new fee structure will be as follows:

	7.45 - 8.35 Session 1	**8.20 - 8.35 Session 2**
Breakfast Club	£3.00 (siblings £2.50)	£2.00

We understand the importance of affordability for our parents, and we have worked hard to keep the increase as minimal as possible while still addressing the growing expenses associated with maintaining a high-quality environment.

If you are using the out of school care offer, please make sure you are benefiting from Tax Free Childcare - full details are overleaf.

As with all services we monitor the uptake and analyse costs involved to ensure it is financially sustainable. We recently sent home a survey relating to potential interest in after school wraparound care. Following the responses, we have reviewed the viability of offering additional sessions. Although this survey indicated a greater level of interest than previously, the number of responses still remains insufficient to make the provision financially viable. Therefore, we are unable to offer after school wraparound care at this time.

Whilst, we don't offer out of school care to make a profit, we do need to break-even because we are spending public money.

Yours sincerely

David Hopkins
Executive Head

Robbie Houghton
Head of School

What is Tax-Free Childcare?

Tax-Free Childcare is a government initiative that allows eligible families to save up to 20% on their childcare costs. For every £8 you pay into your childcare account, the government will add an extra £2, up to a maximum of £2,000 per year for each child under 12. This can be a significant help in reducing your childcare expenses.

How Can You Benefit?

By using Tax-Free Childcare for our Before and/or After School Club, you can:

- **Save money**: The scheme effectively reduces the cost of your childcare, making it more affordable for families.
- **Flexible payment options**: You can pay into your childcare account whenever it suits you, giving you more control over managing your finances.
- **Ease of use**: Once registered, you can pay for your childcare quickly and easily online.

Who is Eligible?

To qualify for Tax-Free Childcare, both parents (or one parent in a single-parent household) must usually be in work and earning at least £167 a week (but no more than £100,000 a year). You can find out if you're eligible and apply through the government's Childcare Choices website.

Universal Credit:

Working parents on Universal Credit can claim up to 85% of their eligible childcare costs, subject to monthly maximums.

How to Use It at Our Club?

If you are already signed up for Tax-Free Childcare, simply log into your childcare account and make payments directly to our club. If you're not registered yet, we encourage you to check your eligibility and sign up to take advantage of this benefit by clicking https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/

We believe this scheme provides valuable support for families and hope it can help make balancing work and childcare that little bit easier.