14th December 2023

**Extended SMART Club Hours**

Dear Parents / Carers,

A few weeks back we asked your views about whether it would be beneficial to offer a slight increase in the hours that SMART club runs. The overwhelming majority of you responded saying that you would appreciate this. As you know, if we ask your opinion, we always take on board what you have to say. Therefore, we will be increasing the time SMART club finishes from 5pm until 5.30pm.

It is important to us that you know we have never tried to make money from SMART club, only to offer affordable childcare to allow families to work or offer respite when needed. We have looked at the schools local to us and we are significantly cheaper than they are. The ‘going rate’ is about £9 until 4.30pm and £11.50 for the longer session.

***Our new charges and times will be:***

* ***3.20pm-5pm: £5.50***

***or***

* ***3.20pm-5.30pm: £6.50***

These prices will be capped until at least the end of the school year to allow families to budget. All prices include a snack and drinks.

Knowing ‘our children’ is key to us therefore we only use staff who are already employed in the school. This means they know the children and the procedures. There will always be two members of staff at all times.

These session options will start from Monday 8th January and we will trial them for the Spring term. If we can not break even we would need to relook at it again.

Sessions can be booked now for Spring 1 on School Spider.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact the school office or myself.

Kindest regards

Emma Harding

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Headteacher