

## SMILES – Price Increase 2018

Dear Parents and Carers

As explained in the autumn term newsletter, we have reached a point where we have had to look at increasing the price of SMILES Club. A great deal of consideration has gone into this, as well as research into what other providers charge and taking into account our increased running costs. The new proposal has been discussed and agreed with the Telford Infant School Governing Body.

At this stage, it is just the price for Breakfast Club that will be affected.

All the rationale behind the change and key information for parents and carers has been set out below.

### Rationale for change:

- On-costs for staff have increased and will continue to do so:
  - National Insurance and Pension contributions have gone up.
  - National Living Wage is set to increase in April.
  - Apprenticeship Levy – 0.5% is taken off the budget for SMILES staff.
- Rising utility prices.
- We are investing more in staff training to provide additional CPD to help them in their roles.
- Prices have not gone up for over five years.
- We are moving in-line with the provision now being offered for Y5 & Y6 Telford Junior School children at GoGo Makers.
- Food and drink costs have also significantly increased.
- Comparison with all other clubs in the area show that we will still very favourable and very competitive.

### Current SMILES Breakfast Club Charge

Early drop off	£3.60	7.45-8.55
Normal drop off	£2.60	8.00-8.55

### Cost after Increase – April 2018

Early drop off	<b>£4.00</b>	7.45-8.55
Normal drop off	<b>£4.00</b>	8.00-8.55

The new daily Breakfast Club charge will be a flat fee of **£4.00** for all parents and carers.

We will be sending out separate information shortly to ask if you will be intending to use the early drop off, to ensure appropriate staffing ratios.

### Timescale for Implementation

The new charge will be implemented from the start of the summer term in April and as usual, you will be invoiced in advance. You should be receiving your new invoices in March.

The new cost for After School Club will be applied at the start of September 2018 and you will receive further information regarding this in the summer term.

**For further clarification, of if you have any queries about this at all, please contact Michelle Hutton (SMILES Business Manager) on [Hutton.m1@welearn365.com](mailto:Hutton.m1@welearn365.com)**