



Dear Parents,

As you will know from the national press, schools in Hampshire are experiencing significant cuts to their budgets, sadly this includes both Portway schools.

As headteachers we have had to consider the areas of our provision where we can make savings or cut costs.

For many years we have provided a free early bird drop off/breakfast club with the only cost to parents being charged by the kitchen for the food and their staffing. We have provided our staff for free. The current cost of 80p, we're sure you will agree, is extremely cheap childcare.

We do not want to lose this highly valued provision for our working parents but we have to consider the affordability of providing four members of staff for this extra 'service'. To make it a viable part of the support we offer our working families we will now need to charge a nominal fee but we want to keep it affordable.

Therefore, after considerable deliberation, at the start of the new academic year in September, we will be charging £1.50 for breakfast club to subsidise a fraction of the costs both schools accrue to staff this provision. This includes the kitchen's 80p charge.

We hope, whilst no-one welcomes additional financial expenditure, parents will appreciate this resource not being cut and the cost being kept to a minimum to ensure we can continue to run this well used service.

Yours sincerely,

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