

# ST. BEDE'S RC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers,

## MORNING CHILDCARE

We have been listening to feedback from parents regarding breakfast club provision and are aware that there are a small number of working parents who would benefit greatly from this. After discussion, we would like to trial offering childcare before school from 8 am onwards for **Year 1 to Year 6 pupils** for those parents who have **no other alternative**, starting from **Monday 21<sup>st</sup> September**. It is vital that we keep the numbers as small as possible and the limit for each day will be **12 pupils** and will be on a first come, first served basis.

It is essential that you book this provision at least two weeks in advance by contacting the office (although we are aware that for the first two weeks this is not possible). The cost of this provision will be £2 per day per child to cover staffing and cleaning costs. It will be processed through the school money system, please - no cash can be taken.

Please note the following:

- This will take place in the hall with Mrs Maitland each day from **8 am onwards**.
- Children will be seated in their class bubbles on tables in each corner of the hall and will be required to stay in their seats during this provision.
- We are currently **unable to offer breakfast** so children must have had breakfast before they arrive.
- We are currently also unable to offer this provision to Reception children due to staff/child ratios for this age group.
- Children will be provided with suitable activities in their bubbles. Siblings will be required to sit in their class bubble and not with each other.
- We would encourage parents to bring their child/children to this provision **as late as possible** and only book for the days that they absolutely require.
- This childcare is for **working parents only**. If you work from home we would politely request that you speak to your employers about your childcare arrangements. Please note, we may ask for your circumstances to determine that our provision is essential for you.
- Government guidance states that, '**parents should limit the number of different out of school settings providers they access as far as possible.**' Therefore, if your child accesses childcare provision already, we would encourage you to use the same provider for morning provision as you do for after school provision.

Given the serious nature of the COVID 19 pandemic and the current local lockdown restrictions, we trust you understand why we are offering the provision in the way that we are. We appreciate how difficult it is for you as parents but please be assured that any rules and restrictions that we have in place are only there for the benefit of our whole school community.

I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you for working with us to keep everyone safe. Your support means a great deal to us in this unprecedented time.

Kind regards,

Mrs E Alderson

Head Teacher