



## The Pegasus Children's Club Newsletter Summer 2016



Dear parents and carers,

It has been a busy year so far for The Pegasus Children's Club with record numbers attending because of the flexibility and quality childcare service we offer. To continue to offer this unique ad-hoc service we have reviewed our fees for September and we would now like to give parents and carers early notice that, unfortunately, we will be increasing our fees from September 2016 from £11.00 per day to £11.50. Breakfast club will remain at £4 per day. This is because we have to bear additional pension and NI costs for staff from April of this year and no funding is available from other sources to cover these extra costs.

- 1)** We have had a huge demand for our childcare service this year. Currently as a 'pay as you go' service parents are able to book on the day before 12pm and reserve a place for their child for that evening. Unfortunately, some parents & carers are forgetting to cancel their child's place if it is no longer required. The consequence of this is that, with limited places available, the deputy is unable to offer that space to anyone else and parents that need that place are left disappointed. It also has an effect on our costs for salaries and purchasing of food, as we do not know numbers until the start of the provision at 3:15pm. If parents book a place on a particular day and they do not notify the deputy by text that they no longer require it, **the parent will be charged for that session.**

Parents will now need to pay on the morning their child uses the service, money must be in the account if you wish to use the service on the day you book, as **we can no longer** continue to run the service with debts outstanding. If you fail to make a payment then, unfortunately, your child will not be able to attend until the payment has been paid in full. All parents and carers should remember that it is their responsibility to ensure payments are made on time if they wish their child to continue to attend.

- 2)** Also **late collections after 6:00pm will be charged** - £1 per minute from 6:00pm. Parents also need to contact the deputy and let them know why they will be collecting late or if another responsible person will be collecting their child. These fees will automatically be added to your ParentPay account. This is because we are getting a lot of late collections and to cover costs for staff, energy costs and the caretaker we must apply extra charges from 6pm, no matter what the reason is. We understand that circumstances may arise out of your control and that you may be late or delayed but it is now our policy **no exceptions** will be made.

We believe these changes will allow the Pegasus Children's Club to continue to offer our very popular service in the long term. Without these changes the service would not be financially viable. If you have any enquiries regarding ParentPay or payment please contact Suzanne Christopher on 07504 810956 or email [suzannec@schmail.net](mailto:suzannec@schmail.net).

Don't forget to contact the deputy **by text** to cancel a place before 12:00 for after school club – you do not need to text to use the breakfast club service.

**Whitehorse Manor Infant & Junior School** – Sharene Marshall – 07504 508112

**Whitehorse Brigstock site** – Alex Slattery – 07506 693259

**Ecclesbourne Primary School** – Mary Miles – 07983 277080

**Beulah Nursery & Infant School** – Aaron McDonnaugh – 07508 733983

Thank you

**Suzanne Christopher - Extended Services Leader, Pegasus Academy Trust**

