

FEDERATION OF BOLDMERE SCHOOLS

BUSY BODIES OUT OF SCHOOL CLUB Boldmere Junior School Cofield Road Sutton Coldfield B73 5SD

14<sup>th</sup> May 2024

### Notification of fees increase from week commencing 10<sup>th</sup> June 2024.

Dear Parents/Guardians,

I am writing to inform you that at their last meeting on the 01/05/2024, the Full Governing Board for the Federation of Boldmere schools, unanimously agreed to increase the fees charged for our before and after school provision, provided by Busy Bodies.

We have been able to freeze the fees charged for the last two years but due to a number of circumstances beyond our control, such as:

- an increase in employer pension contributions
- significant pay awards for all support staff working for BCC
- minimum wage increases incurred over the last 2 years
- the 'Birmingham Guarantee'- 50p extra than national minimum wage
- rising food costs
- an increase to the number of staff employed to ensure staff/pupil ratios
- the costs of utilities which have increased significantly
- the increase of the costs for equipment/resources used by BB's
- increase in administrative duties in line with statutory duties

As a result of the above, the governing board have decided to make an increase to our current fees in order to cover the costs of our before and after school provision being provided as a service at Busy Bodies. Of course, the decision to increase the costs of this service has not been taken lightly and we hope that you understand our need to do so.

The management of Busy Bodies have worked tirelessly to ensure the cost of our before and after school child-care service have been kept to a minimum, but we have had no option but to increase the cost of this valuable service which our school provides.

The Full Governing Board of our schools have decided to make this required fee increase in order to ensure our club continues its excellent provision and maintains the high standards of care and provision that Busy bodies is well known for.

We have managed not to increased fees since April 2022, the increases will commence from the 10<sup>th</sup> June 2024. As a not for profit organisation all our funds go directly back into ongoing service that are essential and what we feel are incredibly good value for money when compared to the costs of other providers in our immediate area.

The fee increase will affect your June booking form. There will also be a slight increase to your Annual Registration fees, this will become £35.00 with effect of this letter and will affect your September 2024 registration payment if choosing to use our services.

As a result of the increase in fees, we will be able to restore some of our much loved toys/equipment, ensuring that they are to the standard our children deserve.

In effect, we now require all parents to sign agree to this change on their Charging Policy and Parent Contract. Rather than send these lengthy documents to you, we kindly ask you to sign and return with your June booking form the attached agreement declaration.

The only changes to these documents are the cost of fees, which are attached herein for your information. Should you wish to read the whole document, please visit our schools website.

We must stress the importance of this document being signed and returned with your June booking form, as we will be unable to book your children in without your signed agreement to say you have accepted the changes.

I would like to thank you in advance of your co-operation on this matter. If you do have any questions or concerns about this notification of fee increase, please do not hesitate to contact the managers of Busy Bodies.

Yours sincerely

Mr C Glasgow Executive Head Teacher

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(Please return with your June booking form)

### <u>10<sup>th</sup> June 2024- Increase to Busy Bodies before and after school</u> <u>club charges agreement form.</u>

Name of Parent/Carer (s) : .....

Child's name

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Class.....

I have read the above letter and understand the club charges increase from the  $10^{\text{th}}$  June 2024.

I further agree to pay my fees in full on time every month, to not do this I understand that I will forsake my child's place at Busy Bodies.

Parents/ Carers signature:	

Date: .....

Tel Busy Bodies- 0121 464 1343 between 7.45 a.m and 6.00p.m Main school 464 3656 to leave any queries for Busy Bodies. Email <u>busies@boldmere.bham.sch.uk</u>

## Club charges from 10<sup>th</sup> June 2024.

#### **Registration fees**

Current: £30.00 per child.

New charges: £35.00 per child.

#### Session fee charges from June 2024.

Morning session	Old charges.	<u>New charges June 2024.</u>
7.45 a.m. to 9.00 a.m	£6.75	£7.75
8.00 a.m to 9.00 a.m	£5.50	£6.50
Afternoon session		
3.25 p.m to 4.30 p.m	£5.50	£6.50
3.25 p.m to 5.00 p.m	£8.00	£9.00
3.25 p.m to 5.30 p.m	£10.50	£11.50
3.25 p.m to 6.00 p.m	£13.00	£14.00

Unregistered children -Session fees will remain the same.

Morning charge	Old Charges	
7.45 a.m to 9.00 a.m	£8.50	£9.50
Evening charge		
3.30 p.m to 5.00 p.m	£10.20	£11.00
3.30 p.m to 6.00 p.m	£17.00	
Late Charges		
6.15 p.m	£10.00	
6.30 p.m	£20.00	

# <u>Payments can be made</u> through Parentpay or by childcare vouchers, see further information on your monthly booking form

Should any parent/carer have difficulties in paying fees for any reason or would like to enquire further about fees charged then please address all correspondence to The Executive Head Teacher, The Federation of Boldmere Schools Governing Body who will deal with each case in the strictest confidence.