

Welcome to our newsletter!

Thank you to everyone who took part in our Link Club survey, we had 20 responses from users (33% response rate) and 7 responses from non-users. We would like to share with you a summary of the overall responses from our users.



Overall you are all extremely satisfied/satisfied with the offering at Link Club. Where this is not the case, this relates to a couple of responses regarding the food offering and cost of the afternoon session. Please see below information about this.

Thank you to those who gave some lovely comments which we will share with staff. Please do speak to Gill in the first instance if you have any concerns about your child at link club.

You would like to see more healthy food options:

We have always offered healthy options such as fruit, vegetables and yogurts as part of our daily offering. Unfortunately (but not unsurprisingly) when children are offered a choice of food they often go for the 'less healthy' option. We will therefore be transitioning over the coming weeks to more healthy options at breakfast and afternoon snack (removing some of the tempting less healthy options)! If you have any concerns regarding your child not eating anything on offer please contact us. We will review this after 1 month to see how thing go!

Breakfast offering will include: Fruit, Yogurts, whole meal toast, Plain bagels (non-dairy spread); cereals (Weetabix, rice-crispies, multi-grain hoops), water.

Afternoon snack offering will include: Fruit, vegetables, wholemeal wraps/bread, cheese, tuna, ham, chicken, yogurts. A full list of food options will be displayed on our website shortly, and will be subject to availability.

Link club price rise:

Link Club has been operating internally since November 2022. There has been no price rise for 2 year (since Marie's price rise in September 2022). Link Club has to be self funding, as school budgets remain extremely challenging.

We have considered different price structures, but unfortunately we have fixed overheads (staff costs primarily) and those costs have to be met. Any alteration in our pricing structure, such as hourly rate, or a split of the afternoon session would mean additional administration and a loss of income at the current rates, to cover those costs and an overall increase in the rates would need to be applied in excess of the 3% agreed to the current pricing structure.

The Governors have decided to retain the existing pricing structure which has been successfully used for many years, and to increase the prices by 3% to cover the rising costs we've all seen over recent years!

From September the new rates will be:

Breakfast Club £5.25 (extra 15p per day)

Afterschool Club £12.20 (extra 35p per day)

We have benchmarked against other local schools and we believe this offers good value for money!

New booking system!

To improve our invoicing processes and your user experience, we are introducing a new booking and registration system, Catherine is busy setting it all up, we hope to launch in September, after testing. For those on regular booking, we will pre-load those in for you, you will only need to make cancellations.

For ad-hoc bookings you will book online through the booking system, rather than email. More details to follow!

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