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Learning for Life

Jonathan Smith, Headteacher

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Dear Parents

Re: Fees Increase

I am writing to inform you that further to a recent review, from **1st September 2018** we will be increasing some of our fees within the Academy. This is due to several factors, such as a national rise in the costs of pay, reduction in funding to school of £50,000, Increase in staff to pupil ratio for the younger children, etc. These factors are further impacted by the fact that we haven't increased costs since 2014.

Pre School

Ardley Hill Pre School started in 2012 with 25 children and 7 staff, in a classroom within the school. We now take up to 74 children per session and have 21 staff. We offer an uncapped amount of 2 and 3 year funded places and 30 hours funded places, a weekly music session and daily phonics programme. Yet, in nearly 6 years, we have never increased our fees to reflect our growth and development.

In the recent Ofsted inspection Early Years were graded Good and they felt we were on our way to becoming Outstanding. We were delighted with this outcome and will be continuing to strive for this in the future.

Our new pricing for Pre School is as follows;

2 year olds- £4.75 per hour

3 and 4 year olds- £4.25 per hour

For 2 year olds the fees will change the month following your child's 3rd Birthday e.g. If your child's birthday is in April, the 3 and 4 year old rate will start on 1st May.



STAR Club

STAR Club provides wrap around care for the children that attend Ardley Hill Academy and Pre School. After school Club opened in January 2001, followed by Breakfast Club in February 2002.

STAR Club has grown a lot over the last few years with both the number of children we take and staff. We provide nutritional snacks as well as breakfast for all children who attend, as well as safe and friendly activities for the children to enjoy, such as homework club, arts and crafts, sports and many more. Yet we have never increased our fees to reflect the growth within STAR Club.

STAR Club

2 Year olds- £4.50 per hour

3-11 Year olds- £4.00 per hour

If you have any further questions regarding this please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours Sincerely

Jonathan Smith

Head teacher



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