



30<sup>th</sup> June 2023

Dear parents,

Following our letter home last week, we have made some changes that hopefully help our families that rely upon our wrap around care service.

### **Early Pick Up**

Feedback received suggests demand for this option is greater than anticipated. We will therefore offer an early pick up at 16:45, these sessions will cost £9.

### **Late Joiners**

For children that wish to attend after going to a different club (e.g. Athletics Club), there will be a late joiners option, attendance for late joiners will be 16:15 - 17:45 is £9.

### **Sibling Discount**

For the autumn term we will introduce a 10% sibling discount. When booking on the system please just opt for the sibling discount. This discount is only applicable for sessions **whereby at least two siblings are attending the club on the same day.**

### **Booking Window**

To enable us to review the club and adapt again, we are going to limit the booking window to be for just the autumn term. We will re-open the booking window in November for the spring term.

### **Vouchers**

We have been able to widen the range of Government and Workplace vouchers / credits that we can accept. We now have active accounts with:

- Care4
- Fideliti - (Account code: AVO017C)
- ComputerShare - (Account code: 0026932586)
- EdenRed - (Account code: P21343325)

This is in addition to the main government tax free childcare scheme, available at the link below:

[Sign in to your childcare account - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/sign-in-to-your-childcare-account)

In order to have funds added to ParentPay from any of the above schemes, please follow the steps below:

1. You will need to make payment on your childcare voucher provider service or through your tax-free log in, purchasing the desired amount.
2. Email us at **[wrap-aroundcare@avonwoodprimaryschool.org.uk](mailto:wrap-aroundcare@avonwoodprimaryschool.org.uk)** to specify where you would like the credits deposited (Breakfast Club, After-School Club, or both).



3. Once the funds have cleared, this can take a few working days, we will then add these funds to ParentPay under either 'Afterschool Club' or 'Breakfast Club' depending on where you have requested them to be.
4. To use these funds for booking you select the days you wish the book and then select pay with account credit.

Please note, if you are only ever using one of these clubs (e.g. after school club or breakfast club), one email confirming this for the year is fine and we will then credit future funds automatically to the same fund. If you do not see credits appear after five working days, please get in touch by emailing: [wrap-aroundcare@avonwoodprimaryschool.org.uk](mailto:wrap-aroundcare@avonwoodprimaryschool.org.uk)

### **Ethos of the Club - Clarification**

It's important to note that whilst we are aiming to offer a high-quality set of activities (sports, arts and homework), this is very much child led. Some children may just want to sit and relax with friends and read a book or build with Lego, others may love the opportunity to design their own butterfly feeder for the allotment and some may want to enjoy a competitive basketball match. Whilst the quality of the sessions should be 'Avonwood standard', afternoons will very much reflect the needs and wishes of you and your child.

A reminder that our system goes live on **Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> July**. If you have any trouble making bookings or trying to link up to the government tax free childcare system then let us know.

I appreciate to many parents it might feel frustrating to see the club changing from Foundation Play, when many were happy with the existing service. I'd like to share that this decision has not been taken lightly, as the added responsibility and workload that will come with essentially extending the school day for our staff is considerable. I can assure you this change has been made for good reason, and I'm certain that long term your children will benefit from an improved level of service.

Hopefully these changes are helpful and reflect our willingness to make sure this new service is well suited to the needs of our families. We plan to review the service early next term, so that any updates can be made.

Kind regards,

Mr Jackson  
Headteacher