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30 September 2022

Dear Parent/Carer

I wanted to start by introducing myself as the new Chair of Trustees at Sherwood.

Sherwood's been open for many years and is currently going through a difficult period of adjustment and change. We opened many years ago and have been determined to care for the children in the local community for as little as possible. And we've kept our fees the same for several years so we remain a fantastic and affordable option here in Croydon.

However, as you'll know the cost of living has hit us all hard, and Sherwood is no exception. Our costs have dramatically increased from salaries to bills, as well as works we've carried out to improve the site and make Sherwood the best it can be for your children. So, unfortunately we've made the difficult decision that our fees will need to increase.

We're conscious that you too will be affected by the cost of living crisis at the moment - and we don't want to add to that pressure. So, we're increasing our fees gradually over the coming year, so everyone has an opportunity to prepare.

07:45 - 09:00	Breakfast Club	£5.25	Includes cereal and toast
09:00 - 12:00	Morning session	£14.30	Includes drinks and a snack
12:00 - 12:30	Lunch	£3.60	Please bring a packed lunch.
12:30 - 15:30	Afternoon session	£14.30	Includes drink and a snack
15:30 - 16:30	Afterschool club	£7.15	Includes fruit and drink
15:30 - 17:00	Afterschool club	£9.90	Includes fruit and drink
15:30 – 18:15	Afterschool club	£15.15	Fruit, drink and light tea after 17:00

Therefore, from **1 January 2023** our fees will be as follows:

From 1 April 2023 our feels will increase again to:

07:45 - 09:00	Breakfast Club	£5.70	Includes cereal and toast
09:00 - 12:00	Morning session	£15.60	Includes drinks and a snack
12:00 - 12:30	Lunch	£3.90	Please bring a packed lunch.
12:30 – 15:30	Afternoon session	£15.60	Includes drink and a snack
15:30 – 16:30	Afterschool club	£7.80	Includes fruit and drink
15:30 - 17:00	Afterschool club	£10.80	Includes fruit and drink
15:30 – 18:15	Afterschool club	£16.50	Fruit, drink and light tea after 17:00

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07:45 - 09:00	Breakfast Club	£6.20	Includes cereal and toast
09:00 - 12:00	Morning session	£17.00	Includes drinks and a snack
12:00 - 12:30	Lunch	£4.30	Please bring a packed lunch
12:30 - 15:30	Afternoon session	£17.00	Includes drink and a snack
15:30 - 16:30	Afterschool club	£8.45	Includes fruit and drink
15:30 - 17:00	Afterschool club	£11.70	Includes fruit and drink
15:30 - 18:15	Afterschool club	£17.90	Fruit, drink and light tea after 17:00

We've also taken this opportunity to update our Fees Policy, and this will be updated on our website as soon as possible. In the meantime, we've attached a copy to this letter for you. So, please do take a read of this if you have questions, as it will explain how the Trustees intend to approach our fees going forward.

The Trustees understand that increasing our fees is a difficult message to both deliver and receive. But I'd like to emphasise that this decision was not made by the staff at Sherwood, rather it was a decision made by the Trustees. If you have any questions in the first instance, please direct these to the Manager. Lisa Wright is our current interim Manager. If Lisa's unable to answer your questions then she'll contact the Trustees and we'll get back to her, or you, with the answer as soon as we can.

On behalf of all the Trustees, we look forward to working with you in the future.

Kind Regards

Chris George Chair of Trustees, sent on behalf of all Trustees