



Drake Primary School and Little Pirates

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Thursday 6th May 2021

Dear parents/carers,

Re: price changes to Little Pirates

Thank you for your support in the above matter. I feel it's important to note, as Little Pirates is sited on a school site and maintained by the local authority, it was not able to access the various grants and loans provided by the Government during the pandemic to other settings. All costs, including staff salaries, continued to be paid in full through the pandemic as funded children still attended the setting during the various lockdowns. Our previous charging system gave a separate price for meals, and we have incorporated those charges for non-funded sessions, which gives the appearance of a more significant increase. When leaders telephoned other settings, it was clear that whilst a few have already made some increases, others are planning more significant increases later in the year. All costs have increased since the pandemic; cleaning, food supplies, sanitiser, aprons and gloves have increased by 100% We have only increased the day charge by £7.00. The increase in food costs is those passed down from Norse Catering. In addition, we have tried to streamline and simplify use of the online payment system. This is a difficult time for us all and I want to reassure you that we did take every step to keep the increase to a minimum.

We have been asked as to when parents can be allowed onto school sites, at Drake and Little Pirates, we are working to make sure everyone is as safe as possible. National guidance for schools has remained unchanged for a number of weeks as the easing of lockdown has focused on other aspects of our lives. Once we receive the go ahead to welcome parents into settings and set aside 'bubbles' we will do so.

Yours sincerely

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