

Great Gaddesden C of E (VA) Primary School

'Treat others exactly as you would like to be treated' (Luke 6:31)

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Dear Parents/Carers,

RE: Wrap Around Provision from January 2026

As you are aware, over the last two terms we have trialled growing our wrap around provision. As I am sure you will agree, Mrs Jeffery has done a wonderful job at improving the provision we provide and has kindly agreed to continue as the Wrap Around Manager into the Spring term 2026.

The actual demand of after school club places booked in for after 4:30pm has been less than the predicted demand. In the recent parent survey, the majority of parents feel they do not need wrap around provision beyond 4:30pm. However, we are mindful that for some of our parents, it has been really helpful to have the provision running until later than 4:30pm. Therefore, moving forwards, the governing body have approved the following plans and pricing structure which will be effective from January 2026 (Spring term onwards):

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Support available
Breakfast club 8:00am-8:40am (open to Reception- Year 6 children) £4.50					Pupils in receipt of PPG £3.50
				No after school club	Pupils in receipt of PPG 3:15-4:30pm £5 3:15-5:00pm £6.50 4:15-5:00pm £4

As you will note, Nursery children will continue to only be able to attend until 4:30pm. This is due to the strict statutory guidance for child to adult ratios for pupils of Nursery age. We are increasing the time after the school club is open on a Tuesday until 5:00pm. Therefore, the after school club will stay open until 5pm Monday-Thursday. Please note that we will continue to provide up to 16 places each day for breakfast and after school clubs.

There has also been a slight increase in price which is reflective of rising costs associated with running this provision. As part of the review, I benchmarked the prices we charge to parents against other schools locally and from this review, I am confident that as a school, we will continue to offer a very reasonable and competitive rate for wrap-around care. As noted above, we will continue to provide a discounted rate for pupils in receipt of Pupil Premium and if the increases in price are something you are concerned about or are experiencing any difficulties, please do not hesitate to contact me in complete confidence.

In line with our Charging, Remissions and Debts Policy, debts on Arbor accounts will continue to be limited to £25 per child. Cancellations must please be made with at least 24 hours notice to avoid being charged. We will continue to accept Tax Free Childcare payments as we currently do. Mrs Curtis (Office Manager) will continue to monitor Arbor accounts and usually checks payments made and reviews balances on a weekly basis.

We politely ask that no bookings for Breakfast and Afterschool club for January onwards are made until the Spring clubs overview has been shared at a later date this term (as it will be reset on Arbor for the Spring bookings).

For further information about charges and our wrap around provision, please refer to our Charging, Remissions and Debts Policy as well as the Wrap Around Care Guidance and Organisation document on our website: https://www.greatgaddesden.herts.sch.uk/web/policies and agreements/297235

Yours sincerely,

Mr M. Beach

Headteacher