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Dear parents/carers

RE: Early Birds and Night Owls

There are some changes to our wrap around care at TRJS with effect from 8 January 2024. This is something that has been discussed and agreed by the governors of the school. I thought it would help parents to understand the reasons for the changes, so I am writing to explain.

The cost for Early Birds will now be £5 a day. The cost for Night Owls will be £10 per day, except for Friday when it will be £5, as the session will now finish at 4.30pm on that day.

The reason for the increase in costs is due to rising food and energy costs. We have also reviewed our staffing arrangements and employed extra staff to ensure our staff: pupil ratios are appropriate to cater, supervise and ensure the health and safety of everyone.

The reason we are finishing at 4.30pm on a Friday is that, after 4.30 on a Friday, we only have a few children left to supervise and we still have a number of staff employed, so this does not make it viable to continue beyond 4.30pm.

We have benchmarked our provision with other local providers and believe that we remain very good value for money. The staff we employ are school staff who are well qualified and know your children well. The wrap around care seems to work very well, the children really enjoy it and I trust it provides parents with a reassurance that your children are well-cared for before and after school.

The new codes for booking for Early Birds and Night Owls will be on the newsletter this week, so please book ahead for the Spring Term.

I trust this clarifies the reasons for the changes for January 2024.

Your sincerely

J Emery
Headteacher