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Dear Parents/Carers,

Free Breakfast Club – September 2026

We are extremely excited to announce that our school has been chosen to pilot a new government initiative of providing free breakfast club provision for all pupils who require it from Reception (Foundation 2) to Year 6. This is an exciting new initiative that is focused on giving all pupils who want it a softer start to the school day, supporting pupil attendance and learning whilst also supporting parents on busy mornings. The funding supports a 30 minute, daily breakfast club for any pupil (YR to Y6) that wants to attend.

Smart Start Club

Our provision will be called the '*Smart Start Club*' and will run from 8.15am-8.45am daily, starting on Monday 7th September. It will be based in our Dinner Hall and Quad Area within the main school building. Pupils will receive a breakfast that meets the new incoming *School Food Standards* and will take part in free choice activities supported by school staff. They will then move to their classrooms at 8.45am in order to be ready for the start of the school day. The *Smart Start Club* will be ran directly by school, coordinated by Mrs Crampton, and supported by school employed staff.

Although we are required to eventually ensure that places are available, daily, for every pupil from Reception Year to Year 6, should they require it, we will not be in a position to do this straight away. This is a significant undertaking, and we will be building up the number of places on offer gradually to ensure the provision is working effectively and is safe and enjoyable for pupils. Initially, we expect to open places to 70 pupils and will increase this if further capacity is needed and when we are in a position to do so. Places will need to be booked weekly via the gateway app. Further details on bookings will be sent out early in September before our opening day on Monday 7th September.

Current Breakfast Club (Paid)

Of course, we do already run a 'paid' Breakfast Club that starts at 7.30am daily for pupils from FS1 (Nursery) to Y6, with limited spaces, on a first come first served basis. This service will still continue and will run alongside the *Smart Start Club*. We fully intend to review our 'paid' Breakfast Club pricing to account for the fact that parents/carers will be entitled to 30 minutes for free. However, we will not be able to do this until the *Smart Start Club* is fully up and running, which will be late September/early October. We must warn you that our 'paid' Breakfast Club provision is



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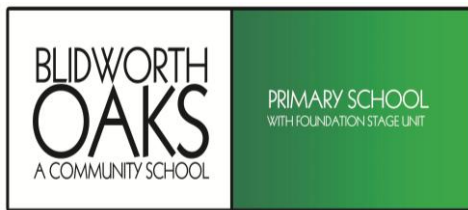
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already ran at very low costs to parents/carers compared to using private providers for morning childcare provision. Whatever happens when we review our pricing, we will still need to cover our staffing and food costs and this may result in no change to our current pricing structure for our 'paid' Breakfast Club, but we will keep you informed.

Current Playground Breakfast (Bagels)

In addition to this, as you are aware, we also currently provide a daily breakfast item (bagel) to all pupils in the school (and often baby siblings!) that require it. Sadly, due to the government's new Free Breakfast Club programme, funding for our daily breakfast item (Bagels) will end at the end of this term. However, as a school, we have committed to continue to fund and provide this ourselves on our playground every morning for as long as we are able. We think the 'buzz' our bagels provide on the playground is beneficial to a positive start to the day for everyone, and we know it supports children who may not have managed to get breakfast amongst the rush of a school morning. So we are extremely happy to continue to provide this for the entire school community as needed.

We hope you find this supportive to your children and your family life, and we will be in touch again in early September to confirm arrangements and bookings.

Yours Sincerely,

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