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Subject: Important Update to Squirrel Club Fees

Dear Parents and Carers,

We recognise how important high quality, affordable childcare is for families and the value that The Squirrel Club provision provides to parents and children alike. We have always sought to keep our fees as reasonable as possible while ensuring that we continue to offer the high-quality care and experiences that our families expect.

Over the past year, we have worked hard to absorb significant increases in operating costs, including rises in National Insurance contributions, staff pay, and energy bills. We have done everything we can to mitigate the impact of these increases on our pricing.

However, Squirrel Club operates as a separate business from the school and must remain financially self-sufficient. As such, we are unable to subsidise these additional costs through the school's budget. Following a careful review of our finances, we have reluctantly concluded that a fee increase is necessary to ensure the ongoing viability of the provision.

Therefore, from 1st October, Squirrel Club fees will increase. Details of the revised charges are attached to this email.

In reaching this decision, we undertook a comparison of local childcare providers. While direct comparisons can be challenging, as services vary considerably in what they offer, our review confirmed that Squirrel Club continues to provide excellent value for money. We know that parents highly value the quality of our provision, our experienced and caring staff, and the safe, nurturing environment we provide for children before and after school and during school holidays.

We appreciate that any increase in costs can be difficult, and this decision has not been taken lightly. We remain committed to providing the high standard of care that our families deserve and thank you for your continued support and understanding.

Yours sincerely,

Lindsey Walsh

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