



CHANGES TO AFTER SCHOOL CARE

As you will be aware, this academic year we have begun providing an After School Care Provision. We surveyed parents in the Summer Term, about the provision running until 5:00pm at a cost of £8. The response was very positive, with the feedback indicating we would require around 40 places for children each day. At present the average number of pupils attending each day is 7 pupils. Whilst we are not seeking to make any profit on this provision, we do need to increase numbers significantly to ensure the provision is not making a loss. Therefore, we are making two changes for next term (beginning Wednesday 5th January):

- 1) The provision will now run until 5:30pm at no extra cost. We hope this will enable parents, who finish work at 5:00pm, to have time to collect their children by 5:30pm.
- 2) There will be a discount for families with more than one child attending the provision so whilst the cost for the 1st child will remain at £8, the charge for any additional children will be £5.

We really wish to continue this provision and hope these changes will appeal to parents and increase numbers, making the provision viable for the long term.

Places for After School Care Provision can be booked via parentmail but please contact the school office if you have any questions or need any help.

It is also worth noting that you may be eligible to have a portion of your After School Care Provision paid for. Follow the link below to see if you are eligible:

[Tax-Free Childcare - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk)

COVID CASES FALLING IN SCHOOL

After an increase in cases a fortnight ago, I am pleased to say that the number of positive Covid-19 cases in school has fallen back to single figures. Many thanks to parents and staff for adhering so effectively to the new measures. In light of the increasing cases nationally and the potential for further government measures after the Christmas break, I will write to you at the start of the Spring Term to inform you of any change of approach (for example, the removal of bubbles etc).

Reminder: First day back is Wednesday 5th January.

FRIENDS OF HOLSWORTHY VERY BUSY RAISING MONEY



The Friends of Holsworthy have been very busy raising money for the school this Christmas. The Christmas jumper photos raised £257!

As part of Design Technology, the children have been making Christmas decorations which the Friends sold at the Memorial Hall raising several hundred pounds.

Many thanks to everyone who has contributed!

