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A Cornerstone Digital Academy*

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RE: After School Activities Charge

Dear Parent,

As you are aware, at the moment we offer a wide range of extra-curricular after school activities. This term alone we have offered approximately 30 different activities for the children to participate in. This is a massive investment by the school to provide amazing enrichment for the children.

Unfortunately, we have had to review the sustainability and affordability of offering these sessions free of charge at a time when each year we have faced financial cutbacks and increased costs. As such, in the Spring term we will be charging a small sum of money as a contribution towards the costs of running these activities. By costs, I refer largely to the consumables and equipment that is used and periodically replaced in order to keep the activities running smoothly.

We have decided that a £1 contribution to a club per week towards the cost would be a reasonable sum of money to pay. These activities, if provided by an external provider, such as a sports club, dance lesson or cooking class would cost significantly more than £1 per session. I hope you will agree that although it is a shame that this charge has had to be introduced, it is essential to ensure that we are able to continue to run the after school activities.

The payment will be taken similar to the bus service, where contribution towards costs will be a fixed price per term. Therefore, we will be looking for a payment of approximately £10 per term, per club. This would be a one-off payment that will be non-refundable for any reason, for example if your child were to choose to stop attending, if they are ill on a particular day or if the club were cancelled by the school. Typically, there would be at least 10 sessions in any given term.

I hope you can understand the rationale behind my need to introduce a fee. If you wanted to provide any feedback please email admin@bcps.org.uk.

Yours sincerely,

Jonathan Bishop
Headteacher