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Pre-school Wrap Around Care

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are pleased to confirm that we will be able to offer Wrap Around Care to the children in Pre-school from 16th April 2024. This will be on a trial basis for a year. We recognise the increasing need to offer extended hours to suit the needs of families in Pre-school and we are delighted to be able to offer this in our setting, allowing for your child/children to have consistent care in our high quality provision, with adults they are familiar with.

This is an exciting opportunity and we would like to thank parents and carers who have already expressed an interest in Wrap Around Care for their patience whilst we ensured we are able to offer this to the high level of standard you would expect, and are familiar with, from our school.

Whilst we trial this offer there will be slight differences in the wrap around care we currently provide within the main school. These changes are outlined in the Q & A overleaf. These differences are due to ensuring we are able to meet the needs of your child/children, in line with the EYFS guidelines and ratios, and secure the uptake from supporting families. We hope that as our numbers grow we will be able to move towards a very similar set up to the arrangement we offer within the main school, which allows for more flexibility and unexpected changes.

We hope overleaf will answer any questions you may have, but as always please contact the school office who will be able to discuss this further.

Thank you once again for your continued support.



Where will Wrap Around Care take place?

We recognise how important it is for your child/children to be in a familiar setting where they feel happy, settled and comfortable, so we have made the decision to provide Wrap Around Care within our Pre-school setting. This will be with only children of Pre-school age.

What hours will you offer?

The hours for Pre-school Wrap Around Care will be the same as the main school. This is to ensure that we are able to meet the needs of all of our families, so that if you have a child accessing main school wrap around care you only have to make one drop off/pick up.

The hours will be:

Breakfast Club: 8am-9am

After School Club: 3.20pm-5.30pm

Bookings

To begin with we will ask that families book on a half termly basis; this is so that we are able to ensure that we have highly skilled, familiar adults supporting your child in Wrap Around Care. Whilst we recognise this may be difficult for families, we thank you for your support and as the numbers grow we will be closely monitoring this to ensure we are able to offer a more flexible way of booking e.g. the night before or even if you call on the day.

You are able to book from now and all bookings for the first half of the Autumn Term must be placed by Sunday 30th June.

How do I book?

You will need to complete a booking form and then your invoice will be added to School Money to pay, the same system that we use to pay Pre-school fees. If you are unfamiliar with this system, please ask the school office who will happily help you.

What are the prices?

We have worked hard to ensure we can provide Wrap Around Care at a reasonable price whilst ensuring that we can offer a high level of provision, highly skilled staff and ensure the safeguarding of all children within the setting.

Breakfast Club will be charged at **£6** per session, this will include a range of healthy breakfast options for your child/children.

After Pre-school Club session will be charged at **£12** per session, this will include a healthy snack for your child/children.



Can I use my funded hours to pay for Wrap Around Care?

Wrap Around Care will need to be paid for in addition to any funded hours you receive, however you will be able to use Tax Free Childcare Vouchers. In addition if your child/children are in receipt of Pupil Premium or you believe they may be entitled to be, please contact the school office who will be able to support you further with this.

Who will staff the Wrap Around Care?

There will always be at least two members of staff running the Wrap Around Care to ensure the high level of care and provision we pride ourselves on and ensuring the safeguarding of all children in the setting. We will also have a member of the School Senior Leadership Team on site at all times. The staff running the Wrap Around Care will be familiar to your child/children and will have knowledge of our Pre-school, your child/children and will hold the relevant early years qualifications and knowledge of the EYFS.

We hope this has answered all of your questions, but please do not hesitate to contact a member of the team or the school office if you wish to discuss this further. Thank you in advance for your support in our exciting new opportunity.

Miss Talia Romaine
Assistant Headteacher and EYFS Lead

Heathwood Term Dates 2024-2025
Autumn Term 2024 Monday 2 nd September - Friday 25 th October Monday 4 th November - Friday 20 th December
Spring Term 2025 Monday 6 th January - Friday 14 th February Monday 24 th February - Friday 4 th April
Summer Term 2025 Tuesday 22 nd April - Friday 23 rd May Monday 2 nd June - Friday 18 th July
Heathwood INSET Days Monday 2 nd & Tuesday 3 rd September 2024 Monday 6 th January 2025 Tuesday 22 nd April 2025 Monday 30 th June 2025

