Dear Parents / Carers,

Following on from the recent letter and the communication with parents regarding the changes to the Little Pirates Club provision, the school have listened to the concerns of the community and have therefore increased our offer.

I would like to confirm that we are able to offer the following, on a trial basis for the next term. This will be reviewed for viability at February half term; a decision regarding the club moving forwards will then be shared after the half term.

We are willing to trial opening the club from 3.15 – 5.30pm at the following costs:

- 3:15 – 4:15 = £3.00
- 3:15 – 5.30 = £7.00

These will be fixed costs, and unfortunately there will be no part payments of hours or sessions, there can also no longer be a subsidy for those families with more than two children attending the club as we are trying to find all ways possible to keep the club viable. We will continue, as mentioned in the previous letter, to provide a cold snack after school for the children.

We are sorry about the increased cost of staying for the second hour; we are trying to make this club affordable for all of our parents whilst also ensuring that we can break even. Currently, with staffing and add on costs, we take in less money than we pay out. This means that money is being taken from other cost centres in the school to subsidise the club at a detriment to the education of Thorpedene pupils.

Please note, that whilst we are able to make this adaption, on a trial basis, the consideration of opening any later or in the school holidays will not be reconsidered due to both cost implications and the lack of kitchen facilities to provide food; this is now a closed matter that cannot be responded to any further.

Finally, I would like to thank all those that have been so complimentary about the after school provision that the school offers, we are proud of the staff from Thorpedene that run this club.

Yours sincerely,

Miss S. Walsh
Headteacher