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Redeemer Boys' N.S. Breakfast Club Procedures

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Following on from a Board of Management meeting held on Wednesday 18th June, I am issuing this letter to update everyone on how we will proceed next year in relation to the Breakfast Club.

As previously relayed to families, the number of pupils that attended the Breakfast Club in Term 2 and 3 of this year was exceptionally high. We had up on 55 pupils attending on a regular basis. Whilst we are delighted that the provision is popular and well utilised by our school community, 55 pupils is two and a half times the number of pupils in some of our classes. Additionally, the pupils range in age from 4 to 13. This current school year, we had one food operative and one SNA supervising each morning. Our risk assessment concluded that the room is too small and the staff/pupil ratio is too low to maintain the provision for such a high number of pupils. There were multiple health and safety concerns associated with this conclusion.

In Term 3, I asked all of you to consider whether or not it was essential for your son/s to attend, noting that if your child is not availing of food he should NOT be attending the Breakfast Club. After this request, the numbers did drop and we were therefore able to proceed with the 'Open Door' policy to the end of the school year.

Looking ahead now to the 2025/26 school year, I am happy to announce that a decision has been made to continue with the 'Open Door' policy from Monday 1st September. We are also able to increase the staff ratio and there will be one food operative and two SNAs supervising each morning.

This will be subject to review periodically (approximately every 6 weeks) and if numbers peak again we will have to cap the number of pupils attending and decide on a selection system following on from expressions of interest from parents.

All pupils attending our school (mainstream or autism classes) are welcome to attend the Breakfast Club providing their support/care needs can be met within the assigned staff ratio.

Please note that the Breakfast Club WILL NOT run on the first week back (26th-29th August)

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation,

M.Murray
Principal