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Dear Parents/Carers,

### **Breakfast Club Update**

As you know Ingleby Mill has been selected to be one of the 750 schools nationally who are piloting the free breakfast programme outline by the government. Thank you to everyone who contributed to our survey, there were lots of questions, please see below for our responses.

We have been working hard in the short amount of time we have had to get ready to commence this as soon as we return after Easter. We believe our breakfast club should be a place children enjoy and adds value to their time at school. We have a team of staff who are keen to be part of this to support your children, to develop this facility at Ingleby Mill but also to be part of shaping what this national policy will look like on roll out next year.

We are only required to provide a breakfast club for 30 minutes before the start of statutory learning, which here at Ingleby Mill is 8:45am. We do not feel that to open at 8:15am will be of much benefit to families, so we can confirm that we will operate our breakfast club from 8:00am. This is a universal offer for children from Reception to Year 6, and there is no cap on the number of children that can attend. Breakfast will consist of toast and cereal; children can also attend if they do not want to eat breakfast.

In addition to school staff, we are really excited to have been able to secure the services of DF Coaching who will provide outdoor activities for the children. This adds a physical well-being aspect to the activities we can offer within breakfast club.

The booking system for this is now open on Arbor and is set up for the whole of summer term. Here you will see two options, whether your child would like breakfast or to attend for activities only. This will close 48 hours prior to each day attended; this is to allow us time to plan and prepare. However, if you do find you need a place in breakfast club at short notice, please contact the school office and they will book this for you. You will see on the question page that we have addressed children attending Plus 5s but moving across to school breakfast club at 8:00am. This is fine to do, but you do need to book them in on Arbor, so we know numbers and have accurate registers in the case of a fire evacuation.

We are also hoping this will alleviate some of the early morning parking issue that we all face. This is not only physical parking but the volume of car emissions created as parents wait for the gates to open at 8:30am. From Monday 28<sup>th</sup> April, instead of arriving at school early and sitting with your children in the car, book them into breakfast club, giving you an earlier start to your day.

As we have said previously, this is new for all of us. What breakfast club looks like in April 2025 might be very different to how it evolves by the end of the pilot in March 2026. We will get things wrong from time to time and we are relying on your feedback to help us shape the club so it works for our IMPS community. Your feedback will also help support the national direction of this programme.

We will be in touch again next week with the organisational logistics for after Easter. If you have any questions in the meantime, please catch me on the yard or contact the main school office.

This is such an exciting opportunity for Ingleby Mill, we cannot wait to get started.

Yours Sincerely

Janis Williams  
Head Teacher



### Breakfast Club Questions

Questions Asked	Response
My child attends Plus 5 as they need to arrive earlier than 8:00am. Would they be able to join school breakfast club at 8:00am to be with their friends?	Yes, children will be able to move into school breakfast club at 8:00am. You will need to continue with your current arrangements with Plus 5. You will also need to book them onto school breakfast clubs, this is so we have accurate registers in case of an evacuation.
If I book in for all week but some days are not needed, will I lose my place?	No, you would not lose your place. Breakfast club can be booked for the whole week or just for the days that you need it. This is a universal offer and there is no cap on numbers.
Will this be to drop off at the classroom/phase door as normal?	No, we are currently planning two entry points to school, one through the hall door for years Reception to Year 3 and the second at the Year 5 entry point for Years 4 to 6. This will allow us to keep the school gates closed and utilise our outdoor space for activities during breakfast club.
Could this provision be opened to Nursery children?	Not at this stage, the pilot is for Reception to Year 6. Plus 5's are currently exploring if they can take Nursery children, however, at this stage we are not able to confirm this.