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Dear Parents/ Carers,

Coming Soon... Breakfast Club

I am sure you will all be aware that one of the government's pledges is that all schools will provide a universal free breakfast club. This is quite an undertaking, so before Christmas, schools were asked to volunteer to be part of the Early Adopter Breakfast Club Programme to help to shape the national roll out.

This is currently an offer we do not have at Ingleby Mill but one we feel would benefit our school community. Not only in providing a breakfast club but this will extend our opening times, which hopefully may alleviate some of the parking issues. We therefore put ourselves forward to take part in this year long pilot. We are delighted to be able to confirm that we are one of only 750 school selected nationally to be part of the pilot.

So what does this mean for Ingleby Mill...

We will have a free breakfast club for children from Reception to Year 6. We do need to be clear this is not replacing wraparound care. The criteria for the free breakfast club is that it opens 30 minutes before statutory learning takes place. Learning here begins at 8:45am and so breakfast club should start at 8:15am. As our children can enter school from 8:30am, we do not feel this would provide much benefit for parents and so we are proposing to open our Breakfast Club from 8:00am, 30 minutes before the classroom doors open.

The offer is universal to all children, but we will operate a booking system. However, this is for us to gauge numbers from day to day and week to week, so we can coordinate staffing and food orders. There will be no cap on numbers who can attend. During the next half term and across the next year, we will be working alongside the Department for Education and other schools in the North East who are also part of this programme. At this stage we are looking to seek levels of initial interest from yourselves. Please use the link below to complete a short survey. We will collate the results of this on our return to school after half term.

Our Breakfast Club will commence after the Easter Holidays. We will be in touch with further details as we move through Spring 2. This is a new offer nationally and for Ingleby Mill and so the model we begin with may not be what it eventually evolves into. We are expecting teething issues and will be keen to hear your thoughts as we move through this year long pilot scheme. Together we will help to be part of refining and shaping the national offer of universal free Breakfast Clubs, something for our Ingleby Mill community to be very proud of.

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