

Changes to charges for morning play session in primary schools

Many primary schools in Wrexham offer a free breakfast at a session in the 30 minutes before the start of school. Please be reassured that there will continue to be no charge for this meal.

However, to supplement the free breakfast session, many schools offer an additional 30 minute play session and charge parents £1 per child (free to children who are eligible for free school meals).

While this rate has remained unchanged since the provision was introduced in 2018, due to increased staffing and administrative costs, and the fact that the council receives no external funding, this is no longer sustainable.

To make sure that schools are able to continue to provide these sessions, the fee per child for the 30 minute play session will increase to £2 per child (50p for children who are eligible for free school meals) from September 1, 2023.

This increase does not affect the 30 minute breakfast session immediately prior to the start of the school day, which remains free for all children.

We know this comes at a time when many residents are finding household costs a challenge. If you are struggling to meet your household costs, please visit [Wrexham Council's 'help with the cost of living' pages](#) for advice on any other help you may be able to access.

[Welsh Government also have a cost of living help web page](#), which provides information of sources of possible financial support.

If you would like your child to attend a breakfast session, please contact their school for the details.

Are you eligible for free school meals?

If you are on a low income, you may be entitled to free school meals as well as the School Essentials grant to help with buying school uniform and equipment. Please visit the story below to find out more:

[Universal Primary Free School Meals scheme rolls out to Years 3 to 6 - Wrexham Council News](#)

How this affects Ysgol Cefn Mawr

- All pupils will be charged from 8:00-8:20 am £2.00 for Breakfast Club daily, Free School Meal pupils will be charged 50 p from 8:00-8:20 am
- There will no charge for pupils arriving at 8:20 am
- Breakfast Club charges must be paid through ParentPay.
- All pupils attending Breakfast Club must arrive at the office door by 8:30 am at the latest as the kitchen stops serving after 8:30 am