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Dear Parents/Guardians,

The Summer holidays are finally upon us and as minds begin to focus on the break ahead, at Homework Hub we are busy preparing for next year. Enclosed in this pack please find our Summer news letter which has some very important information for the coming year, a calendar, fees list 2019, parent survey and your parent declaration form.

News:

We have recently elected our first Homework Hub Council! Congratulations to all who took part! Our new council meet with staff weekly to discuss improvements, purchasing of new equipment and to share opinions. In September we will be teaming up with Bothar to raise money for this great cause, while at the same time providing a learning opportunity for the children through projects and the study of other countries. We are currently in the process of revamping our website and hope to be online in September. The new website will be more interactive and more regularly updated with news and events.

National Childcare Scheme:

As some of you may be aware the National Childcare Scheme comes into effect from September 2019. This subsidy is means tested and will be calculated based on your individual circumstances. Your rate will vary depending on your level of family income, your child's age and educational stage, and the number of children in your family. In order to avail of the subsidy it is a requirement to have a Gov ID card. It is recommended to apply for this as soon as possible. For further information on the scheme visit www.ncs.gov.ie

Fees:

For the most part the fees will remain the same however there are a few minor changes in some areas. Please see our Fees List page enclosed for further details.

Tusla Registration:

It is now a requirement that all childcare services providing care to school age children must register with the Child and Family Agency (Tusla). At Homework Hub we welcome this and see it as a very positive step for the sector in safe guarding children in services such as ours all over the country. While we have always maintained a low pupil to adult ratio it does mean however that we will be restricted as regards flexibility with days going forward. To ensure compliance we have to ask that those on different set days e.g. two days one week three days the following week, that we know a month in advance if there is a change. While we appreciate this may be difficult for some it is the only way we will be able to plan to meet our requirements.

Capital works:

We have made great progress this year renovating our first room in the Old Convent Secondary School. Complete with adjoining toilet our new study hall is a brand new classroom which is bright, spacious and conducive to study. The room is also complete with an interactive whiteboard to aid the learning process. We have also invested in tiling and extra storage space in the main hall. Our plan for the coming year is to develop three more rooms in the school. One will be a designated I.T. and activity room. We will be purchasing a number of laptops to teach the children the basics of word, excel and coding. The second room will be another study hall for 1st to 3rd Class children and the third room will consist of heated storage for coats and bags, which will also include extra toilets and wash hand basins.

Parent Survey:

At Homework Hub we are always looking to enhance the service we provide to both children and parents. If you have any suggestions or recommendations please do not hesitate to let us know as we would appreciate your feedback. Alternatively you can contact myself directly at any time.

Summer Camps:

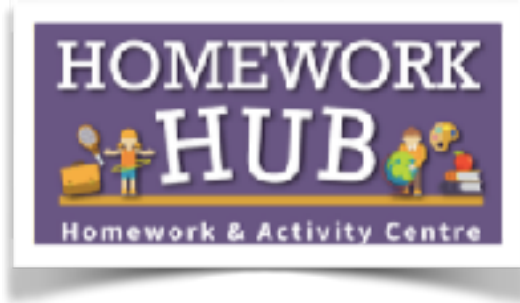
Our four Summer camps this year will all take place in July. Each child should have received a brochure at school. If not one can be collected from us or for further details see our Facebook Page.

On behalf of myself and all the team here at Homework Hub I would like to take this opportunity to thank each of you for your continued support and also to give a warm welcome to our new parents and children that will be joining us in September.

Wishing you all a peaceful and relaxing Summer break.

Mise le meas,

Rory McGrath



Fees List 2019/20

	Per Session	Per Week
Breakfast Hub	€6	€25
Junior Hub	€5	€25
Homework & Activity Hub	€18	€85
	Daily Fee	Weekly Fee
Junior & Senior Infants	€26	€125
1st -6th Class	€24	€110
Holiday Cover	Per Day	Per Week
	€30	€135

Please Note:

- * Set fees are paid each week during school term regardless of absence due to illness/holidays etc.
- * Holiday cover will continue to be on a 'pay as you go' basis.