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## After school wrap around care provision

Dear parents/carers,

I am writing to give you an update on our plans to introduce an after school wrap around care club / provision.

Following feedback from our Parent/Carer survey last academic year, there was a significant number of parents/carers who suggested they would like / benefit from a consistent after school provision option at school in addition to the range of after school clubs we offer which only run for a certain number of weeks / have limited spaces. Parents/carers expressed this need was due to limited spaces available in local private childcare providers.

Due to the time that many parents/carers would like us to provide a club / provision until (e.g 5:30pm), the processes involved with this is complex for us as a school and not a childcare provider. It requires us to register the provision with Ofsted / Dfe, and it is required that we provide evidence along with a rationale as to why this provision is needed. It is also essential that as a school, we can show how this will not financially impact school's budget in a negative way, as I'm sure you can appreciate it wouldn't be appropriate for this to be the case.

With this in mind, we have made an interim plan to confirm and assess the need for regular / reliable after school provision that can support parents / carers within our community.

We are in the process of organising staffing to ensure we have capacity to run an additional generic after school club every day (in addition to the clubs we already run every half term) until 4:30pm which would be able to accommodate around 40 pupils.

This will be available every day, every week and children can sign up to the club and remain on it's register as required by parents/carers. In addition, this will be offered FREE of charge during this interim period.

Following this, we will then be able to consider evidence as to the need for a permanent chargeable wrap around care provision, and put plans in place to ensure this is both financially viable, not to the detriment of the school, but also to work alongside local childcare providers to not cause any disruption to local businesses.

We will provide a further update with details of this interim club / provision and how to sign up in the near future. If you have any questions, please get in touch.

Many thanks,

Mr S. Holmes Headteacher



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