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Dear Parent/Carer

14th June 2021

Re: After School Care

As you know, SCAMPS currently provide our after school childcare and they are closing permanently on 16th July 2021.

I have therefore been exploring a range of options to see if school can provide after school clubs to meet the needs of working parents who cannot get back to school to pick their child up at the end of the school day.

Our team volunteered to provide childcare during the Covid pandemic but this is not sustainable as it had an adverse impact on their workload and financially we only charged £3 to cover the cost of resources.

I am writing to consult on how many parents will need to use an After School Club provision and to gain an idea of preferences. The options are as follows:

Option One:

The school employs an After School Supervisor to run after school care between 3.15 and 5pm. We would need to charge £4.00 per session to cover employment costs and we would need an average of 10 children per session. If we don't get sufficient numbers to cover the employment costs we would be unable to offer this provision as we cannot implement something which will have a negative impact on the school budget. With this arrangement there will also be specific after school clubs run by teaching staff and we would also arrange for specialist coaches to deliver some of the sessions.

Option Two:

We could outsource the provision of after school care to an organisation who specialise in this area but again, the company are only interested in doing so if it is financially sustainable for them. They would charge between £4-£6 per session depending upon numbers attending and would need a minimum of 10 children attending each session.

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Option Three:

We have a sports company who are interested in running after school clubs and will charge £4 per child per session. They require a minimum of 10 children in each session and offer a wide range of sports based activities.

In pre-covid times we could easily guarantee a minimum of 10 children per session but I appreciate that currently some parents are still working from home or are furloughed and others cannot afford additional childcare costs.

It is very difficult to plan for September given the current uncertainty of how government guidelines will change. However, can you please give me your 'best guess' as to whether you think you will need to take advantage of after school child care in September and which option you would prefer to see implemented. Don't worry you are not committing to anything at this stage, it is just to give me an indication as the numbers requiring this service from September and is totally anonymous.

Unfortunately, with all options detailed above we would be unable to offer a proper meal for teatime but will offer a small snack of fruit or biscuits.

Many thanks for your help with this.

Yours sincerely

Mrs D Cross
Head Teacher

Do you think you might require after school childcare from September? Please circle your answer.	Yes No	If no, thank you for taking the time to complete this questionnaire.
How many sessions per week will you require childcare? Please circle your answer.	1 2 3 4 5	Please indicate which days:
Which option of childcare provision would you prefer? Please circle your answer.	Option One: School Option Two: Private company Option Three: Sports company	

Thank you for taking the time to complete this questionnaire. Please return it to school via the Collection Box at the main gate each morning. Please return all questionnaires by Monday 21st June 2021.