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Dear Parent/Carer 6th September 2023

Re: Our Wrap around care provision and after school clubs

Wrap Around Care:

Thanks to the grants we received from the Weardale Area Action Partnership, Believe Housing and Scotmid, we are able to continue to offer our extended wrap around care provision. This means that Breakfast Club will continue to open at 7.30am and After School Childcare will continue to run from 3.15pm – 5pm. Without grant funding we would have made a £500 deficit at the end of the academic year which is obviously not sustainable. The current grants cover the period up to the end of February 2024 and I can therefore guarantee that our provision will continue until at least that time. In the new year I will update you on whether we have successfully secured further grant funding and how this will affect our wrap around care provision.

After School Clubs:

In addition to our After School Childcare provision, we also offer a wide range of different clubs and this half term we are offering the following:

Autumn Term 1

Day	Club & Age Group	Who
Monday	Reporters Club (KS2)	Saskia Callaars (Vice Chair) & Mrs Cross
	Year 7 Drop In session	Mrs Parvin
	Multi Skills Club (ALL)	Mr Storey
Tuesday	Football Club Year 3&4 Team plus Year 5&6 Team	Miss Hepple / Mr Clarke
Wednesday	Hula Hooping (KS2)	Anvesakayoga

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Thursday	Ukelele Club	Lawrence (Volunteer)
	Relax Kids (by invitation)	Durham County Council

Reporters' Club:

We are setting up a club for children to create, produce and publish a monthly newsletter for school. We are anticipating them taking on different roles such as: reporter, photographer, editors etc and we are also organising for some real life journalists to visit the club to talk about their job and career opportunities within journalism. We want this club to be led by the children who join it and therefore the name and activities will be led by them and will hopefully develop over time.

Year 7 Drop in Session:

Every Monday, Mrs Parvin will be available for the children who have just left us to start secondary school if they would like to pay us a visit. The idea is that the children can still maintain a relationship with our school and a familiar trusted adult until such times that they can build similar relationships at their new school. It would also be lovely if they just want to pop in and say hello!

Multi Skills:

Mr Storey will be running a fitness club open to all children and will offer a variety of different activities.

Football Club:

This year we will be running two football teams, one for Year 3&4 children and one for Year 5&6 children. Mr Clarke and Miss Hepple will be running the teams each Tuesday after school.

Hula Hooping:

We are working with a new company called Anvesakayoga this year and they are offering Hula Hooping club. They will be in school on Wednesday 13th September to offer free taster sessions for all children in KS2.

Ukulele Club:

This year every child from Sapphire to Diamond will be learning to play the Ukulele and we have contracted Durham Music Service to deliver sessions throughout the year. If sufficient children sign up for an after-school club, I have a volunteer who has offered to run a club but this is yet to be confirmed and will depend upon sufficient interest.

Relax Kids:

This is a club offered by Durham County Council who have agreed to run it in our school this half term. It is by invitation only and parents/carers will receive an individual letter if they child has been identified as benefitting from these sessions.

We are waiting for a couple of clubs to be confirmed and when they are, we will send out the plan for the year like we did last year as I know many parents/carers and children liked to know what was coming up throughout the year.

If your child would like to take part in any of the After School Clubs, please complete and return the form attached.

As always, please book After School Childcare via the school office.

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There is no need to book Breakfast Club – just turn up from 7.30am.

I would also like to confirm that we have taken the decision to freeze prices this year in light of the current pressures on families with the cost of living crisis and also due to the fact that we are receiving grant funding.

If you have any queries regarding Breakfast Club, After School Childcare or any of our clubs please just contact the office.

Yours sincerely

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