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After-school Club proposals for change

Dear Parents and Carers

As your child currently attends an after-school club, we would like to tell you about some exciting and important proposals to change to our after-school club arrangements and prices.

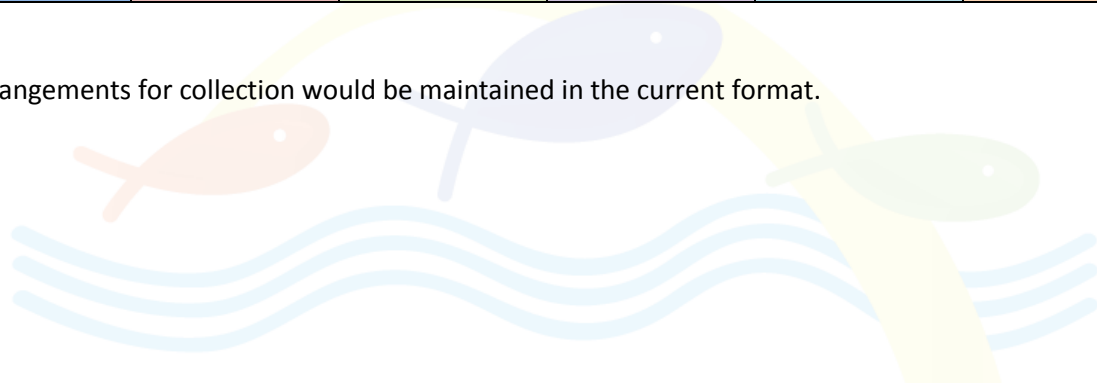
What is changing?

Currently clubs are run as individual groups. This makes the organisation complex and difficult to manage and clubs, at times, been of variable quality. It has also resulted in parents and carers sometimes finding it difficult to register or change clubs. We would like to propose having a single after-school club providing a single point of registration. Within this structure children will be able to choose from a range of activities on offer. Different activities will be on offered on different days and the option of choosing individual days would still be on offer. We would also be offering after-school club **5 days** a week and offering a slightly longer session on all 5 days to better suit the needs of working parents and carers. The club would run from **3.30pm – 5.00pm** daily and depending on consultation and feedback we may in time be able to extend this to 5.30pm.

Our activities plan might look like this:

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3.30pm	Register and quiet reading/ homework	Register and quiet reading/ homework	Register and quiet reading/ homework	Register and quiet reading/ homework	Register and quiet reading/ homework
3.50pm	Activity choice from:	Activity choice from:	Activity choice from:	Activity choice from:	Activity choice from:
Activities on offer	Games and Lego KS 2 Sports - KS1 Art Arabic	Games and Lego KS1 Sports KS1 Bengali KS2 Bengali KS2 Arts and crafts	Games and Lego KS1 Football Outdoor learning KS2 Online learning KS1 Bengali	Games and Lego Badminton KS2 Arabic	Games and Lego Table tennis Film club
4.45 – 5.00pm	Tidy & line up	Tidy & line up	Tidy & line up	Tidy & line up	Tidy & line up

Arrangements for collection would be maintained in the current format.





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What are the costs and how can I manage them?

The main change parents who use the service would notice is the proposed increased cost. Currently each club has different costs with some clubs offered as free and others costing £1 per session. At present we are subsidising around 80% of the costs.

Across London the average cost of after school childcare is £2.80 an hour. There are higher costs for specific coaching sessions for sports which can rise to up to £8 an hour. Local childminders charges £5.50 an hour or more. So obviously the cost of childcare is a significant cost for parents and now for schools.

With schools' budgets forecasting a significant decrease over the next few years, all schools are looking at ways to provide good quality after-school care within a financially viable structure. Consequently we will be increasing the cost of a session to £3. By increasing the cost we aim to offer more quality play with trained adults and higher quality activities across the week as well as an extended time to support working parents.

Places would be limited and be allocated in advance, for the whole of a term. Parents would apply for a place in much the same way they apply for Breakfast Club by returning a form by a certain deadline. Places would then be allocated and parents would need to pay a deposit, via Parentpay, to secure the place.

Clearly this may have implications for families in terms of budgeting. We suggest that parents can pay in increments. We suggest that this would be best and most manageable via a weekly or monthly payment through Parentpay. If parents have any concerns they will be able to arrange a meeting to discuss these.

Where families need financial support, this could be available through 'Childcare Choice', a government website that advises how working parents can claim back a proportion of their overall childcare costs or get support overall for childcare.

We will be holding two meetings to talk about these plans. The meetings will be held on

Wednesday 16 January 2019

Meeting 1 at 9.00am

Meeting 2 at 4.00pm

Please do not hesitate to contact the school if you have any questions.

Yours faithfully,

Charlie Gorman
Deputy Head Teacher

