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Important Update to Friday Wraparound Care: Night Owls and Owlets

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We are writing to inform you of a forthcoming change to our Friday after-school provision, following a careful review of attendance patterns and staffing needs over the Autumn term.

From **13 February** our Friday after-school provision will finish at **4:30pm**.

On Fridays starting next week, we will be offering one single provision, Messy Play Club, running from the end of the school day until 4:30pm. As part of this change, the current Friday Wraparound Care session for Night Owls & Owlets, which currently runs until 6:00pm, will no longer operate. We have given a three week handover to allow for any childcare to be organised.

Instead, Messy Play Club will be available at a cost of £7.50 per session, replacing the existing Friday wraparound care sessions for Night Owls (£13.75) and Owlets (£17.88).

The revised cost reflects:

- The shorter session length
- The cost of materials and resources for creative and sensory activities
- Our commitment to continuing to offer engaging, high-quality provision

Over the last term, we have seen very low numbers of pupils remaining in wraparound care after 4:30pm on Fridays. However, staffing requirements remain the same regardless of pupil numbers, particularly when caring for our younger children. Regrettably, this means that continuing to operate until 6:00pm on a Friday is no longer financially sustainable for the school.

Moving to a 4:30pm finish allows us to reflect the needs of the vast majority of families, maintain safe and appropriate staffing ratios, and ensure the long-term sustainability of our wraparound provision. We have approached this decision carefully, seeking to balance the needs of our children, families, and the school.



The following arrangements will remain unchanged:

- Monday to Thursday wraparound care (Night Owls & Owlets) will continue until 6:00pm
- Bookings will continue through the usual system
- Friday provision will continue to be staffed by familiar adults

We understand that a small number of families may need to make alternative childcare arrangements after 4:30pm on Fridays, and we sincerely apologise for any inconvenience this change may cause. We recognise that changes to routines can be challenging, and we are grateful for your understanding and continued support.

This change enables us to continue offering safe, nurturing, and sustainable after-school care throughout the rest of the week, while ensuring that Friday's provision reflects the needs of our school community.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss this further, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely



Elizabeth Savage
Headteacher

