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Dear Parents and Carers,

After School Care Provision

We are very much hoping that from Monday the 28th September, we will be able to start offering after school care again. However, as I am sure you can imagine, the logistics of providing care, whilst maintaining our class bubbles is not an easy proposition.

At the moment, our plan is to divide the children into two groups, one made up of three of our class bubbles, and the other made up of the remaining two. Which bubbles go in which group will be dependent on numbers. Groups will be in separate rooms when indoors.

In each group, the children will be expected to remain with the children from their class bubble and not mix in close proximity with children from other bubbles. This is essential to ensure we maintain the integrity of our day to day class bubbles.

Whilst the weather allows, the majority of activity will be based around outdoor play with zoned areas for each bubble. When the children are indoors, the room they are in will be divided into sections for each bubble and activities provided. Children will need to remain in their zone.

As before, sessions will run from 3.30pm until 5.30pm Monday to Thursday. As the children in Beech and Willow currently finish at 3.10pm, they will of course be supervised until the start of after school care.

The cost for each session will be £8.25 and children will need to bring a packed tea. Parents MUST pick up children no later than 5.30pm.

Sessions will need to be booked and paid for in advance. Due to having to maintain bubbles etc., we are unlikely to be able to offer the flexibility we did before of 'on the day' bookings.

Parents also need to be aware that we may need to cancel after school care at short notice if the members of staff running it become ill or have to self-isolate, or if we go into a local lockdown. Parents will need to ensure that they have arrangements in place for these scenarios.

Before we are able to finalise the exact arrangements and definitely confirm a start date of the 28th September, we do need to gain a clear understanding of how many families may need to access the school's after school care. Therefore, if you do intend on sending your child to after school care once it is available then please email: adminoffice@sparsholt.hants.sch.uk by Thursday 17th September expressing your interest and also outlining what days you would intend on using.

Please note, this is currently a fact finding mission for us as a school so that we can ensure our plan is feasible and NOT a confirmation of a place for your child.



Once we have the above information, we will then be able to ascertain demand and plan accordingly. We will then provide further details including a definite start date and how you can book sessions.

Kind regards,

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