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Dear Parents

Recently parent governors and school staff have received feedback regarding the Before and After School Club booking system and availability of places. As a parent myself I totally understand the frustration and that is why the Governing Body have discussed the issue with Mrs Edwards and Mrs Devine, the school's Business Manager.

In 2017 the governing body extended nursery provision and opened up before and after school care to this group of younger children. Doing so was important to allow all parents access to much needed childcare. However, younger children require a greater adult to child ratio that can affect the availability of places we can offer and this means that the number of places can change on a daily basis.

Our provision is restricted by the limitations of the building and the staff available who are trained to the level required. The maximum number of children that we are able to accommodate is 26, less if our younger children attend. However, recent increases in bookings is due to an expanding need in the older year groups. Where possible we are operating at our maximum capacity.

In response to the initial feedback from parents the school conducted a survey and invited the views of all parents. Results were mixed and reflect the diversity of our modern working patterns. Mrs Devine has also spoken with local schools about the systems they use. Unfortunately, none is preferable to Parent Pay and therefore the school will not make any changes to our system at this time.

We acknowledge that demand for places at Before and After School Club can be high and some parents are finding it difficult to book for the sessions required. However, please be courteous and if you experience difficulties I encourage you to contact the school and staff will endeavour to help you.

Yours faithfully

James Holmes
Chair of Governors

