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Dear Parents and Carers,

Re: Breakfast and After School Clubs

We have had a number of ongoing requests for places within our out of hours clubs. Demand for places is high but we have a limit on the number of places we can offer, due to limits on accommodation within school and available staffing. We understand your frustrations if you have not been able to secure a place at this present time, we simply do not have the room to take on more children and from a health and safety point of view we need to keep everyone safe. Also, you have to be aware that the school is used in other ways before and after school, including extra curriculum activities and teachers needing their classrooms to work, alongside appropriate cleaning within the school.

I must also point out that our out of hours childcare offer is not a compulsory requirement of school and it is not part of what we must provide. We offer this service in order to support our families as best we can, but at present we cannot offer it to everyone, as much as we would like to. In essence, it is a private enterprise facilitated by the staff at the school and runs like any business would. Indeed, many schools have private companies that use their buildings to offer this service and do not run it themselves. The offer, the costs and the numbers we can accommodate is decided by us and is not up for discussion.

We are in the process of looking at different ways in which we can increase our numbers and I am hoping that we will have a solution over the coming months, but as you can appreciate this will take time, therefore I am asking you to be patient.

In the meantime, the current waiting list system will remain in place and the office staff will be in contact as and when places become available to those next in line.

Regards

Mr P.J.Lord

Head Teacher **Mr Paul Lord**

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