

Parent Forum May 2024

Feedback from recent parent survey regarding wrap around care and clubs provision:

The purpose of the survey was to gather parental voice and assess need within school community as we review provision and look to relaunch our wrap around care offer from September 2024.

- Thanks for the responses – we had 81% of pupils represented which give us a clear understand of the needs and views of the school community.
- **Breakfast club** – 74% of responses for those requiring breakfast club requested earlier start time of 7.45am which we will action from September 2024.
- **Munch Bunch after school provision** – 30% of responses for those requiring this provision requested the later end time of 6pm which we will endeavour to action from September 2024.
- **Enrichment clubs** – 86% of responses stated that their child/ren attend at least one of our enrichment clubs with sports clubs, art/creative clubs / music/choir clubs receiving high response in regards to what clubs people would like to see on offer. This shows the value of providing these clubs and therefore we can confirm that sports clubs & music clubs for both schools will be provided from September and that each school will have a term of art / creative club during the academic year.
- **Enrichment clubs** – other enrichment opportunities are being explored and we will look to incorporate some of these opportunities within our after school munch bunch provision.
- **Enrichment clubs costs** – 98% of responses said they would consider paying for enrichment clubs with 67% saying they would definitely be willing to pay for this opportunities.

Taking into consideration this feedback we are looking to provide wrap around care from 7.45am – 6pm and to have enrichment clubs available for both schools site.

Charges:

As we look to develop and expand our wrap around provision and enrichment clubs we have a need to review the costs involved to make these viable and sustainable. We have reviewed our prices inline with local schools and in conjunction with the local authority who have completed wider analysis.

- **Breakfast club:** we currently charge £2.50. The average cost in Somerset is £3.74.
- **After school club:** we currently charge £4.50 for the whole session (this was the case when provision was provided until 5.30pm). The average cost in Somerset is £4.13 per hour.
- **Enrichment clubs:** we have been fortunate to able to fund these clubs until now but in order for us to continue to offer enrichment clubs we are going to have to charge for them from September 2024. Our recent exploration of local schools has identified that their enrichment clubs are all chargeable and these costs are inline with after school clubs.
- **When we send out booking forms later in the term we will share these new costs with you.** We envisage the same cost for the first Munch Bunch session and enrichment clubs (all of which will run until 4.30pm) and then a second charge for Munch Bunch second session from 4.30pm – 6pm.

Bookings:

- All forms of wrap around care, enrichment clubs and minibus requirements will be booked on a **termly** basis.
- We will be revising our bookings forms and sending them out towards the end of each term. They will have clear deadline dates and we will not be able to guarantee **any** provision if they are not returned by this deadline.
- We have explored online booking systems which we hope will be up and running before the Spring term 2025 bookings.
- Payment for wrap around care and clubs will be required at the start of every term and children will not be able to access these if payment has not been made. We will continue to support families individual circumstances so please do talk to us.
- We are unable to offer refunds for enrichment clubs if your child decides not to continue with the club and payment for the full term will be required to show commitment to the club.
- Once clubs, wrap around care and minibus places have been allocated we will send **individual confirmation letters** with details of your child's provision for the upcoming term.
- We will not routinely be able to agree to adhoc bookings or changes to requirements for the term, but will try our best to be flexible in cases of emergency and where requests are made in advance – although provision on the minibus or in wrap around care can not be guaranteed.
- If enrichment clubs are cancelled at the last minute due to staff absence we will endeavour to provide provision for any child who cannot be collected until the end of the club time.

Other questions raised:

- Childcare vouchers will be able to be used to pay for enrichment clubs, however evidence through a screenshot of payment will be required prior to your child starting the club. It can take several months for the money to reach us and we do not get any evidence that it has been paid.
- At this time we are unable to offer provision at Stogumber until 3.45pm as there is no guarantee that a second bus will run and therefore we can not guarantee staffing to provide this. We will continue to review this.
- Some of our enrichment clubs are extremely popular but we are limited to how many children we can have in certain enrichment clubs and in wrap around provision due to ratio requirements.
- With the longer wrap around care provision at Munch Bunch we will ensure an adequate healthy snack such as toast, pitta breads, fruit, seeds etc. We are unable to provide an evening meal as we do not have the facilities to do this but children are very welcome to bring a lunchbox tea to eat in the second session (although we would be unable to refrigerate this).
- We intend to share the planned Munch Bunch activities for the upcoming weeks with you so that you are aware of the range of activities being provided which will include craft activities, construction, small world, cooking, malleable materials, games and puzzles and outdoor play (including gardening at times).

We are pleased to say we have had some recent success with recruitment.....