



Whittingham
C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Tuesday 22nd May 2018.

Developments from September 2018.
After School Childcare Provision and Interest in 2 -year-old provision.

Dear Parents/Legal Guardians,

Due to an extremely busy half term as we head towards the summer holidays, staff commitments after school and to enable us to plan some exciting ventures for September there will be **no** After School Clubs or football training for the last half term of the year.

From September, in addition to all the curriculum developments that have taken place over the last 2 years we intend to:

1. Work with Vicar Jane and St Bartholomew's Church to support the development of a new baby and toddler session at St Bartholomew's Church. This is likely to be every Wednesday 10.30 – 12 p.m.

2. Develop our fantastic Early Years Provision and investigate the possibility of providing at least 1 session per week for 2 and 3-year olds through our Community Powers provision. (This is in addition to our school provision of up to 30 hours of provision for children who are in the term *after their third birthday*).

This paid session (we are looking into the possibility of accepting childcare vouchers and also 2-year-old free entitlement for those who are eligible for it) and would be likely to run for one session per week initially to gauge interest but could quickly expand if need be. This would be a quality provision which would be planned specifically for 2-year-olds and would be separate to our Early Years Provision as we are very mindful of the very different needs of the ages of children involved. I am meeting with a specialist early years advisor next week to discuss this further before presenting this to governors so at the moment I cannot present you with a cost per session.

3. Develop the range of school teams we offer so that we have teams in a range of sporting disciplines.

4. Have our MUGA and trim trail installed.

5. Develop an outdoor seating area for our older children to use.

6. Further develop our links with Opera North and the Big Sing and visiting artists so that our highly praised curriculum continues to be broad and balanced.

7. Continue to offer Forest Schools sessions for all our pupils.

8. Work with the PTA on our exciting new library space.

9. Introduce extended hours of childcare for working families. From September, following a successful appointment of a new member of staff we hope to provide childcare every day until 5.45 p.m.

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The provision will replace the current system and is likely to be planned as follows:

Monday – Friday 3.15p.m. -5.45 p.m.

The cost is likely to be £3.50 per child per hour. Sessions can be purchased on an hourly basis. We will look further into whether payments will be in advance or a bill presented at the end of the week/ month.

Following visits to schools, who already run successful provision we are likely to follow a similar plan –

The first hour will include a planned session. A full timetable of the week will be available before the start of the new school year but will vary from art and craft, sports, computing etc. This will be open to all children and for 1 hour will cost £3.50.

The children will be given the option to go home at 4.15p.m. or stay for the second hour and a half. This session will include a break, snack, drink, informal activities and homework support if needed. This is only open to children who have attended for the first hour.

For children staying for the full session the cost will likely to be no more £10.00. (please indicate suggested costs for a whole session on the form below) Childcare vouchers will be accepted.

If this is popular we would look to also providing a breakfast club.

In order for us to plan appropriately please could everyone fill in the form below and add any further comments/ feedback regarding our after school or 2 year old provision.

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter and please return your slip to school by Thursday 24th May 2018 thank-you.

Kind Regards,
Belinda Athey – Headteacher.

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Please delete/ cross out as applicable:

I would/ would not be interested in attending the baby toddler session.

I would / would not be able to be on a volunteer rota to help at this session.

I would / would not be interested in a pre- nursery 2-year-old plus session.

To start with we would offer 1 session per week, if this proves popular we would soon look to provide additional times.

My preferred cost per session would be

I would / would not be interested in using the after-school child care provision.

I would be likely to use it on the following day(s)

and times

Signed

Name(s) of child(ren).....

Any further comments ...