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Dear Parents/Carers,

After Care - Changes from January 2024

I am writing to outline some changes to our Aftercare Provision. From the beginning of Term 3 (3rd January), the school will no longer be running After Care. Instead, we have decided to outsource this to Teamtheme, the company we use to provide our exceptional Sports Coaches and some sports clubs. The provision will be renamed **Stay 'n' Play**. Full details can be found by going to this website <https://www.teamthemekent.co.uk/stay-n-play> or following the QR code.



What activities will be available?

Teamtheme has designed an exciting timetable of creative, engaging and physical activities for children to enjoy on a fortnightly cycle. Please have a look at the full timetable by [following this link](#). They will also be working in partnership with 'Wasted Kitchen' to provide healthy and balanced snacks. A full menu will be available soon.

What will the timings and costs be?

Please see below a table, which outlines the available session timings and costs. For the short session, parents must collect their child at the session end time of 4:30pm and not ad hoc times in between. This is to ensure that children gain maximum benefit from the planned activities, rather than leaving part way through and to enable staff to focus on the activities rather than ferrying children to and fro. For the long session, parents can collect from 5:45pm onwards.

You will also notice that the price has gone up by £1 for each session. Prices have remained the same for some time but universal increases in staff, energy and food costs have left us with no choice but to pass some of this onto parents.

	Timings	Pick Up Time	Cost
Short Session	3:15-4:30pm	4:30pm from Gate 3	£6
Long Session	3:15-6pm	5:45pm onwards from Gate 3	£12

How will I book?

Teamtheme will be implementing their own online booking system which is available by going to this website (<https://booking.teamthemekent.co.uk/project/50605>) or scanning the QR code. You will need to register an account prior to your first booking.



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Which staff will be working in Stay 'n' Play?

Stay 'n' Play will be managed and run by Teamtheme staff. This means that our current After Care team will not be continuing in their roles. I am extremely grateful to Miss Parkes and Mrs Parkes for stepping into their after care roles, to cover for some unexpected staffing issues and keep the provision running. Mrs Slann has decided to retire from her after care role following many years of dedicated service to this part of school life. Thank you Mrs Slann for everything you have done to support the children in after care.

Any questions?

We understand that this is a significant change, especially for those families who regularly access our current after care provision. To support families with this, Teamtheme will be hosting a Q&A session on **Monday 11th December from 3pm onwards in the small hall**. This will allow families the time to navigate the web page, book onto the provision and come ready with any questions that you may have.

We are confident that these changes will further enhance the after care provision for our children and thank you in advance for your support.

Yours sincerely,

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