

14th December 2022

Wraparound Care Update

Dear Parents and Friends of Castle Hill,

Thank you for your continued patience while we have worked through the transition of the wraparound care provision from EnergyKidz over to SCL. The team have been working hard to get everything in place as seamlessly as possible and as you can imagine there have been a few bumps in the road. After a meeting this morning with SCL, we have made the joint decision to start the SCL club on Monday 9th January rather than Tuesday 3rd January. Teresa will move across to SCL as part of a TUPE transfer and Tom Mosdell, a member of our current lunch team, was successful in securing a position and will be joining SCL in January.

We want to reassure you that we have a contingency plan in place and the school will be able to offer wraparound childcare for parents during the first 4 days of term (3rd – 6th January). This will be run by Coach Liam and team who already know the children and work with them on a day to day basis. This will run at the same times as the current wraparound clubs (breakfast and afterschool). In addition to his normal afterschool clubs there will be an inside option available in the hall. Details will be sent this week on how these sessions can be booked. We feel that it is better this way rather than having a disjointed, rushed start with SCL, where potential issues may occur.

With schools breaking up this week and the Christmas break around the corner where everything shuts down, starting a new club the first day back after the break will be too soon for SCL to complete the transition with staff. Instead SCL will use that first 4 days back in January to induct and train staff, and for them to attend another local site to see how SCL run.

First impressions are really important and the last thing we want is to start with a new provider when they are not fully ready. SCL have a very strong reputation in the Basingstoke area and they want to continue working to their high standards and be fully prepared. This way, we feel that the children, parents, staff and the school will benefit from this transition approach.

More details will follow this week on the SCL booking system, which will open on 19th December for you to make bookings for week commencing 9th January 2023.

Many thanks

CHPS Team