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Dear Parent/Carer

I am writing to update you as to our thoughts and plans around the current situation of after-school care for pupils. As we are all aware, in late December of last year Bubbles sadly closed overnight leaving many families without the usual childcare arrangements. As a school, our priority is to do all we can to support the families within the local community.

Since returning to school in January, our leadership team have been in regular discussions around the above mentioned issue. Unfortunately, due to a number of key factors, we do not feel that we are in a position at present to be able to offer a sustainable after-school club provision for pupils whose parents it may benefit. It is important to note, that we are going to continue to work on and monitor these factors over the coming weeks and months and should there continue to be a need for the provision and importantly, if the school can, we will look ahead at putting this facility in place potentially from September 2024.

We will continue to offer a range of extra-curricular clubs currently running after school between 3.30pm and 4.30pm from Monday to Thursday. These clubs are run by either school staff (free) or outside agencies (fee payable). We also offer an Early Morning Club between 8.00am and 8.35am which is £1.20 per day. To book into this please contact the school office in advance.

Thank you for your continued support and understanding.

Yours sincerely

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