

Wednesday 23rd September

Before and After School Club

Following the recent COVID-19 cases in school and the disruption for families and school we have decided to cancel before and after school club until October half term. Please be assured we have not taken this decision lightly and below I outline our rationale.

The children who attend the clubs are in all the classes across school. Therefore during their isolation we have not been able to provide a full timetable of learning as their teachers are teaching the rest of the class. In addition, I believe it is not good for their mental health. We have already been off school far too long and for them to be off again while their peers are in school is difficult for them. We have also just seen another class sent home and the children who attend the club are ready to come back from isolation. They are possibly returning to school with no teacher and no class mates. Their isolation in theory has extended by a further week.

Then we have seen the impact on school. There are three members of staff working in the club and they all have other roles within school. In total we have thirteen members of staff off school because of the cases we have had and this is not sustainable.

We provide the club as a valuable service to families and it is one that will continue once this uncertainty has abated. Please be assured your places will be there once the club resumes.

I know you will be disappointed and frustrated but I hope you can see why we have taken this action. Please contact me if you would like to discuss this further.

Yours sincerely

M Mountcastle