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Dear Parents and Carers

As I said in my letter on the 18th November, it is the decision of the Governing Body to continue with the school day and times as they are now, until February half term.

I also said that I would let you know this week the enhancements we are able to add to provide more support to you and your child both curriculum wise and in relation to child care and school transport.

We intend to provide a range of enrichment programmes on a Friday afternoon from Friday January 8th 2021. These will be run by members of school teaching support staff in the first instance, and will include a Forest School session, a Sport and Fitness session and a Computing/Technology/Chess session.

Children will stay at school on Friday to have lunch (details to be confirmed depending on numbers) and the activity sessions will run until 3:00pm

Places will be limited in the first instance as physical space is limited to the Forest School, the playground and parts of the main building, as a deep clean will still be taking place during this time in other areas.

The only way that this can be run is by having 'mixed bubbles' led by staff who will be wearing suitable PPE and maintaining a social distance. Out of school and sports clubs are currently operating in this way.

It will mean, however, that if one of the children in these bubbles displays symptoms before 3:00pm on the following Sunday (48hrs) and subsequently tests positive for Covid 19, this Friday afternoon activity bubble will have to self-isolate for the recommended time given by Public Health. This is currently 14 days.

Whilst this will slightly increase the risk to a larger number isolating than just class bubbles, it is the best compromise we can offer in order to provide 'child care' for those who need it.

I am including a questionnaire with this Ping to see what the interest will be.

We would also like to begin after school Sport/Fitness clubs from January. These will be in KS2 class bubbles in the first instance and run by school staff who will be wearing suitable PPE and maintaining a social distance. Again, how many of these we can run is limited to space so I am including a questionnaire with this Ping to see what the interest will be.

Each phase is also working on the timetable to try to incorporate more PE across the term into the curriculum. Our biggest problem will still be the weather due to the main hall and dining hall not being available for indoor PE due to areas remaining segregated during the day. You will receive more information about this from the Phase Leaders.

I have been in discussion with the School Mybus Service. In order to reinstate the afternoon service I need to know exact numbers of children who will need it. Please fill in the question about the afternoon school bus and once I know numbers I will contact you personally, regarding what can be offered.

Please complete the questionnaire by **Monday 7th December**, as I need as much time as possible to collate information and put things in place for January.

Yours Sincerely

Kevin Wheeler

Head of School

