



Brighstone C.E Aided Primary School

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FAB CLUB

Dear Parents and Carers,

Over the past two years the school has been exploring the range of extended school provision that is on offer. During this time parents were surveyed about their preferences for the provision of a Breakfast Club, After-School Club (FAB) and Holiday Club.

We realise that out of school hours childcare provision is a vital service for many families. We wanted to find a solution that would meet the needs of all. It was also clear that wraparound care is vital in attracting more pupils to the school, thereby ensuring its continued success.

With this in mind, in recent years the school has continued to run both the Breakfast Club and After-School Club (FAB) at a loss of several thousand pounds each year. In an era of tighter budgets, however, such losses are simply unsustainable. We have therefore been forced to end the school's direct provision of extended care.

However, we are very pleased to let you know that the independently run Brighstone Pre-School, which has already started to develop wraparound care, is going to ensure the ongoing provision for children of 11 years of age and under. Their fully trained staff have a wealth of experience in running very successful Breakfast, After-school and Holiday Clubs. Their on-site well equipped premises, which are leased by the school to the pre-school, will provide the children with a safe, secure and stimulating environment where they can be nurtured through play and creativity.

The new provision will begin after half term on Monday 27th February and we hope that the transition will be seamless. There will be the added advantage that the site access for drop off and pick up will be more secure and easier for parents. The entrance to the Pre-School gate is directly accessible from the public car park for parents, while at the same time the building has internal access for our school staff to be able to securely collect and drop off the children at the beginning and the end of the day.

While this is an exciting opportunity as a way forward for ensuring local access to out of hours care, there is also an element of sadness. Mrs Amanda Stables, who has managed our provision for nearly fifteen years, will be leaving us at half-term. We would like to take this opportunity to recognise her hard work and thank her for all of the contribution she has made to the life of Brighstone Primary School. Along with Amanda, there have been other staff that have supported the club on either a temporary or casual basis, thank you to Kathy, Louise and Debs. We would like to wish them all the very best for the future.

Early next week, the Pre-School will be sending out a letter detailing the provision that they will be able to offer all of our children. In the meantime, I would encourage any parents that have any queries or concerns regarding the new arrangements to contact me directly, I will be happy to meet with you and discuss any questions that you might have.

Yours Sincerely

Mrs Teresa Fox
Headteacher