

After School Club Update

17<sup>th</sup> March 2021,

Dear Parents / Carers,

I am writing to update you on our plans to reopen the After School Club after Easter. We plan to run the simpler version we had in place during the Autumn term. We are asking that our After School Club is only used where you define your need for extended provision as essential to you. By attending the After School Club, your child will have an increased number of close contacts over the week, therefore increasing the risk of your child needing to self-isolate if a close contact tests positive for Covid-19.

The following arrangements will be kept under review throughout the summer term:

- Our provision will run from the end of the school day until 5.30pm Monday to Friday.
- Our bookings will be arranged based on the information received by 11am on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> March and cannot be altered week to week.
- Our capacity will be capped each day with lower numbers of childcare spaces available. This is so that we can meet the more complicated requirements due to Covid-19 restrictions.
- Our ratio of adults to children has been adjusted to ensure that we can run the provision safely.
- Children will be kept in small, consistent groups but will mix with children from other class bubbles.
- We would like parents and carers to send children in with a packed lunch that they can eat during the club.
- We are not accepting cash or cheques therefore you will need to register for childcare vouchers (this is a better way to pay as you save money). Some employers have their own scheme or you can use the government tax-free childcare scheme (<https://www.gov.uk/tax-free-childcare>). Many of you who have used the club before will have credit already. Please make sure that you release enough vouchers to cover the bookings for the week ahead.
- The cost of running the club with reduced numbers has significantly increased. We are however able to continue to offer this at £10 per day.

Please contact Claire Tennant ([ctennant@arbury.cambs.sch.uk](mailto:ctennant@arbury.cambs.sch.uk)) to register your interest by no later than 11am on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2021 for a place in After School Club. You will need to give your child's name, class and the days that are essential. We will consider the demand and will confirm bookings before Easter. We may not be able to accommodate requests for places in the After School Club after the deadline.

Yours

Ben Tull  
Headteacher