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Dear Parents,

As mentioned in updated communications today there is more detail to our **Breakfast and After-school club provision**, which is a little frustrating, I have to say.

The updated guidance from Government, which may affect your child's attendance at our clubs, states...

"Schools are able to work with external coaches, clubs and organisations for curricular activities where they are satisfied that it is safe to do so. Where schools are offering extra-curricular activities (that is, before and after school clubs) they should only do so where it is reasonably necessary to support parents to work, search for work, or undertake training or education, or where the provision is being used for the purposes of respite care".

Source: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/education-and-childcare-settings-new-national-restrictions-from-5-november-2020#ooss>

Therefore, we are unable to provide breakfast or after-school clubs for anything other than childcare purposes (as per guidance above). This will come into effect from Monday 9th November. For those children eligible to attend, we will endeavor to run all clubs in the same way they are currently run.

If you **do not** require clubs for childcare purposes in light of this new guidance, **please e-mail the school office by 12pm Friday 6th November** so we can remove your child from our registers for safeguarding purposes. Unfortunately, due to the nature of these imposed restrictions we will not be able to issue refunds.

In addition, as you are aware we operate an 'Exit Register' to ensure at the end of the day we know how children are either getting home or if they are staying at school for a club. Please can you ensure that your child(ren) are aware of their routines and how and who they are going home with. There have been occasions where children have changed their minds and not told anyone. It is only for parents to inform of any changes. Please could you e-mail the school office – not Mr Banham – if there are any temporary changes.

Finally, although this guidance does cause us all some decision making, I want you to know that all clubs, including Breakfast club will still be running – and running safely in accordance with all our risk assessments.

With kind regards

Matthew Dampier
Headteacher

