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Dear Parents and Carers,

### **Re-structuring of our extra-curricular clubs**

As you will be aware from the parent bulletin we sent out on Monday (as a paper copy and by email, and as posts on both our Facebook page and the Home page of our school website), we are making some significant changes to our extra-curricular activities from next term so that we can spend less time on the administration of after-school clubs and more time focussing on our core purpose of teaching and learning.

From next term, there will be two types of after-school clubs, which will run alongside our Afterschool Childcare Club, as follows:

#### 1) After school curriculum-enrichment activities

We will still be running activities after school with a focus on Gardening, the Arts, Sport and Music. However, rather than running these as open clubs, pupils will be invited to join these activities on the basis of the personal interest, determination and / or talent they have shown for these areas in school. The purpose of these clubs will be to provide pupils with the opportunity to pursue areas of particular personal interest and / or skill under the guidance of a specialist.

If your child has been invited to join one of these activities, you will be notified by letter during the first week of the Summer Term. Subs for these clubs will still be £1 a week and you will be asked to pay for the term in advance in order to secure the place.

#### 2) Externally run after school clubs

The school will still be working in partnership with external providers such as Premier Sport and Kanazawa Judo Club to ensure that there are some activities which are open to all pupils to join in by parent application.

Next term, we will again be hosting a Tag Rugby Club and Football Club for Key Stage 2 pupils (run by Premier Sport) and Kyoshi Paddy's Judo Club for both Key Stages 1 and 2.

These clubs will continue to be subsidised by the school's Olympic Legacy Sport Premium Grant to keep costs low and parents and carers will need to apply to these clubs via the club providers.

Information about these clubs will be sent out by these external providers themselves and parents will need to liaise with club providers regarding enrolment and other administrative matters.

#### Street dance & Funfit from April

- 1) Both our Street dance and Fun fit Clubs will become a Type 1) club from this Summer Term, ie they will be run as after school curriculum-enrichment activities which pupils will be invited

to join on the basis of the personal interest, determination and / or talent they have shown for these areas in school.

However, we are aware that a number of pupils were unable to join these clubs this term due to the unprecedented number of applications made by parents and carers to enrol their children in them.

In the interests of fairness, therefore, we will be inviting pupils who had their names down on the waiting lists for Street dance and Fun fit this term to join these clubs for next term, before we invite any other pupils to join.

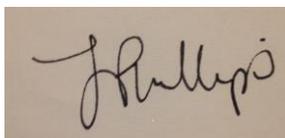
If your child was on the waiting list for one of these activities, you will be notified by letter by Friday next week. Subs for these clubs will still be £1 a week and you will be asked to pay for them in advance in order to secure the place.

Please note that from April, Street dance will be a Key Stage 2 activity and Fun fit will be a Key Stage 1 activity, with the possibility of some Key Stage 2 pupils being invited to join as leaders at a later date.

### Wrap-around Care

As you are aware from previous communication around clubs, our after-school clubs were never intended as a form of childcare. We recognise that some parents may need wrap-around childcare services after school, which is why we run our After School Childcare Club as well as our Breakfast Club. Should you find that the changes we have made to the way in which we run our extra-curricular activities leave you in need of childcare, please contact our After School Club Manager Helen Churchill via the School Office and she will be happy to assist you.

Yours sincerely,

A rectangular box containing a handwritten signature in black ink. The signature is cursive and appears to read 'Jo Phillips'.

Jo Phillips (Head teacher)