

Thursday 25th March 2021

Dear Parents and Carers.

It has been fantastic welcoming the children back over the past few weeks, and we are incredibly proud of how well they have bounced back to life at school. Staff members have worked incredibly hard to prepare for the smoothest transition to the children's return, paying due care and attention to the children's social, emotional and physical development as well as the additional academic focus all of our children need.

Whilst this has been an encouraging step forward to what we know as 'normality', we must remember that we are still managing through a process of recovery. Regular lateral flow testing of staff members and the governments National Vaccination Programme for adults has supported and enabled the wider opening of schools, but has not diminished the controls we must continue to have in place in order to manage the spread of the virus. We are still maintaining our tight timetabling of our year group bubbles, social distancing and regular hand washing. Internal school functions remain vastly different from what we all once knew.

As you know, the early Friday finish has become a staple mechanism for how we have been able to operate safely and maintain the quality of provision, within this new varied expectation of how education must be provided for children. However, we are fundamentally aware of the childcare challenges this presents to many of our families. With this is mind, we would like to find out the capacity required to provide Carry on Café (Childcare provision) for families who need it between 1.30pm and 5.30pm.

- The cost of Carry on Café will be staggered hourly, on Friday's only, to support reduced costs for families being able to book into the provision for the hours they need (£3 per hour).
- We plan to have this in place as soon as possible after the Easter holidays (the date will be confirmed to you as soon as we can confirm our arrangements)

So we can move swiftly with our plans, please use the link to indicate your interest.

https://forms.gle/7ACTefn3NfisqhoQ7

The survey will close on Monday, 29th March at 10am.

I cannot thank you all enough for the immense backing we have felt from our parent community and we value your continued support.

Keep well and I will keep in touch.

Yours sincerely,

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