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Dear Parents

I am writing to you today to share some important information about our wraparound provision. Unfortunately, the school will no longer be able to provide any wraparound provision from November 1st. This means that there will be no breakfast club and no after-school wraparound provision from after the half-term break.

As I've mentioned previously, the wraparound provision has sadly been a victim of the pandemic. During the lockdown our long-standing provider, Angie's, was unable to continue operating and closed down. We replaced Angie's with Danni's but Danni's club stopped operating at the end of last academic year due to difficulties with finding suitable adult supervisors while keeping costs for parents manageable. We then tried S4YC who are a large provider but they too have been unable to source supervisors at a level that is financially viable to operate.

The school is unable to take over the running of the club due to the very small number of children who use it. Throughout the month of September, we have had an average of 3 children use the breakfast club provision and an average of 3 per night use the after-school provision. The provision requires two adults to be employed for those times and operating at these numbers would require the school to subsidise the club by up to £10,000 per year. The school simply doesn't have that money in its already overstretched budget.

S4YC are ending their involvement with the provision on Friday 7th October. To allow parents time to make new arrangements for their children, I am going to continue to operate the club from 10th October up until half-term. The current prices will remain the same for those final two weeks. Places can be booked by emailing <u>admin@elton.cheshire.sch.uk</u> and payments can be made using Parent Pay. On booking, the relevant slot will be assigned on Parent Pay to allow payment. Please can all morning bookings be made by 3pm on the day before it is needed and all after-school bookings made by 1pm on the day it is needed.

From November 1st when the children return from half-term there will then be no more provision available in school.



I am very sorry that school has had to come to this decision but with so few children using the provision we have simply been left with no other alternative. I understand that this will cause difficulties for the few families who do currently use the provision but hopefully with school running the club at a loss for the next fortnight this will give you time to be able to make alternate arrangements before November 1st.

Kind regards

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