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Dear Parents

I said I would update parents in relation to the Early Morning Club and After School Club facility for the new academic year in September.

This is my dilemma. As you are aware, the funding that we used to heavily subsidise these Clubs and help to cover the staff costs has been drastically cut. We could decide not to have these clubs next academic year due to the lack of funding but I know this would have an impact on a lot of families.

Alternatively, my other option is to continue to run the Early Morning Club and After School Club at a cost of £2.00 per session, ie 5 day's Early Morning Club costing £10.00 per week and 5 day's Afternoon Club also at a cost of £10.00 per week. If there are siblings in the school, only one payment per family will be required.

I believe that this funding would make up the funding shortfall and, therefore, I aim to trial this option in the 2021/2022 year. It will be reviewed as the year progresses to establish the viability for future years.

The Early Morning Club will commence as usual at 8.15 am and will be available to any child requiring it. The After School Club will run from 2.00 pm - 3.00 pm and will **only** be open to pupils who have an older sibling leaving school at 3.00 pm in the school.

To enable this to run effectively, parents will have to register for the Clubs required prior to commencement and money must be paid through the School Money app. Payment can be paid weekly, monthly or termly. This will be set up in August and further information will be sent out.

It is unfortunate that our funding has been reduced. The reason is that it was based on the number of pupils registered for Free School Meals. We fell marginally short of the required percentage and urge any parent who feels he/she may be eligible to apply for Free School Meals/Uniform Allowance to do so (even if at this point his/her child prefers to take lunches as you will still receive the Uniform Allowance Payment).

Thank you for your understanding and my very warmest regards to you for a happy, restful and safe Summer holiday.

Mrs Monaghan