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# South Darley C.E. Primary School

25<sup>th</sup> October 2023

Dear Parents,

Re: After School Club – Half Term Review

We have nearly finished our first half term of providing after-school club provision. We are pleased that it seems to be working well and the children who have attended have been enjoying it. We must thank Mrs Wilmot for running the provision and the school staff who stay late to ensure we have at least 2 adults on site.

Thank you for bearing with us while we set up payment procedures and registered for several voucher schemes. These are now up and running and it seems like most people are making use of them. Please remember that everyone can sign up for a voucher scheme to save money – it is not dependent on tax or benefits status. You can check eligibility and claim at [www.gov.uk/get-tax-free-childcare](http://www.gov.uk/get-tax-free-childcare). Additional information can be found at <https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/>. We would be grateful if accounts in arrears for Term 1 morning and after school clubs are brought up to date before the start of Term 2.

We said we would review the provision at the half term and have reached a few decisions: It has not proved viable to operate on a Friday to a lack of advanced uptake. Therefore, we will no longer offer after school provision on a Friday. We are sorry if that is an inconvenience for you. If there are enough people express an interest to committing in advance for a regular Friday, then we may reconsider this decision.

It has proved difficult to put staffing in place at short notice, even with 24 hours' notice, when a session has not been scheduled to run. Therefore, the only way you can guarantee a session will take place is to book it in advance at the beginning of each term. You can continue to book at short notice for a session, but clubs will only run where there is an existing booking and additional children will only be able to stay until those children who have booked in advance are due to leave.

You can still cancel sessions by 12.30pm the previous (school) working day without being charged.

We are still considering whether to run specific themed clubs until 4.30pm during each after school club session. We will communicate to you as and when any decisions are reached.

Please find attached the booking form for Autumn Term 2. We would be grateful if you could return your completed forms to [afterschool@southdarley.derbyshire.sch.uk](mailto:afterschool@southdarley.derbyshire.sch.uk) by Friday so that we can book staff for next term (especially the first week back after the half term holidays).

Many thanks for your continued support,

Paul Wilde  
Headteacher

**At South Darley we strive to be living as Children of Light (Ephesians 5:8), for if we walk in the light, as Jesus is in the light, we will have fellowship together. (1 John 1:7)**



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