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Dear Parent/Carer

OSCAR 'Before & After School' Provision

As lockdown begins to ease, we hope that you and your family are all still keeping safe and well.

As you may already be aware, our OSCAR facility has been closed since lockdown began back in March.

As we now near the end of the current school year, we are looking ahead and planning for the start of the new academic school year in September.

We are still in uncertain times and, given the lack of clarity regarding requirements for 'Before & After School' provision for the next school year, we have had to take the difficult decision to 'suspend' the OSCAR facility for the month of September, with it being reviewed at the beginning of the new school term.

As lockdown eases and, following guidelines that current 'bubbles' of 15 children will become bubbles of 30 in September (with no 'crossover' of bubbles), it is obviously not going to be possible to manage OSCAR on that basis ie., with a 'mixed' cohort of up to 34 children from up to 14 different classes. This would obviously go against the guidelines and is therefore currently unmanageable.

With the summer break approaching, guidelines could obviously change and restrictions eased but, without this knowledge currently and based on the current guidelines, we are unable to put definite plans in place for OSCAR for the new school year.

For those parents/carers that rely on this facility, we know that the above information is not welcome news. However, after very careful consideration, we have no alternative at this stage.

We will continue to review the OSCAR provision as/when additional guidance is received from the DfE and we will be re-opening the facility as soon as we possibly can. We will of course keep you updated with any developments.

Meanwhile, we apologise for the inconvenience that the above will cause to a number of parents/carers, but this decision has been taken after a lot of careful thought and consideration and has not been taken lightly.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Sian Stevens
Deputy Head