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Dear parent/carer,

It is with a heavy heart that we write this letter.

Prior to the advertisement of the Summer Holiday Club, we asked parents to share an expression of interest to enable the school to see if it would be financially viable for the childcare provision to be delivered. Based on the number of responses, we went ahead and started the organisation and training of staff and the planning for the activities for each week.

Due to low numbers, we sent out another letter asking any parents to make bookings and we have even offered an alternative of half days. Unfortunately, this has not made a difference and looking at the bookings we currently have, we would be running the club at a significant loss. There are only two days in the whole of the four weeks that the school would make a profit, every other day would be a loss. In some cases, we have only three children booked in and this does not even cover staffing costs as we need two members of staff.

As you are fully aware from the media coverage, school budgets are very tight and we use our Robins club to support the education of the children.

After meeting with the Governing Board earlier this evening, it was felt that it would be foolish to knowingly run the Holiday Club at a loss. However, we have decided to give it one last push to see if any parents would like to book their child onto any of the sessions before making a final decision. If you do wish to make a booking it will need to be done by 5pm tomorrow and then a decision will be made.

We can appreciate how difficult this may be for some of our families who have booked in already and will need to look for alternative childcare provision. Please be assured that, if we need to cancel the Holiday Club, it has been with a heavy heart and with every option explored. We will notify you as soon as possible of the outcome of this last push for bookings and if we do need to cancel, then we will supply you with information regarding other childcare options.



Please see below the details of the Holiday Club offer should you wish to make a booking.

## **Half Day Sessions**

These will run 8.00am till 12pm and 1pm till 5pm and will cost £12.50 per child. There is a 10% discount for siblings who also attend.

If you would like to book a half-day session in the holiday club, please complete this google form <u>https://forms.gle/zSjqvzeooemKrZTi7</u> by Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July.

## **Full Days**

The club will be available from 8:00am each morning until 5:00pm each evening: this is classed as a full day and will cost £25:00 per child. There is an option for a shorter day from 9:00am until 3:00pm which will be £20.00 per child. There is a 10% discount for siblings who attend Newchurch. Bookings can be made for full weeks or individual days.

If you would like to book a place in the holiday club, please complete this google form: <u>https://forms.gle/xEzv2jA2uhHpMjDy9</u> by Friday 7th July 2023. There will be 30 places available each day and the school will operate on a first come, first served basis.

## What will be on offer?

We ask that the children bring a packed lunch with them each day and a reusable plastic water bottle. Each day and included in the cost, the children will have breakfast, a mid-morning snack and a snack in the afternoon. Examples of the types of options they will have are:

Breakfast	Mid-morning snack	Afternoon tea snack
Range of cereals for the children to choose from	Toast and Jams Crumpets and pancakes Brioche and pastries Yoghurts and biscuits	Cheese and biscuits Fruit kebabs Humus, dips, pitta and vegetables Sandwiches and salad

Throughout the day, children will have access to fresh water and sugar-free juice. Each Friday, the children will have a little end of week treat such as popcorn, ice pops or ice cream.

We have thought long and hard about the types of activities we would like to offer at the club to allow for variety for those children who may need to be in most of the holidays due to their parents' work commitments. Therefore, we have themed our weeks:



Week	Theme	Types of activities
Week commencing 31 <sup>st</sup> July	If you go down in the woods today	Forest School provision: den making etc Outdoor activities including art with natural materials <b>Friday Fun:</b> Teddy Bear's Picnic
Week commencing 7 <sup>th</sup> August	Ready Steady Cook	A range of baking and cooking skills Decorating of biscuits and food themed activities <b>Friday Fun:</b> Party on the Playground
Week commencing 14 <sup>th</sup> August	All things bright and beautiful	Growing and gardening activities Music and dance activities <b>Friday Fun:</b> Festival Friday
Week commencing 21 <sup>st</sup> August	Picasso's Paradise	Arts and Craft themed week: drawing, painting, collage, sculpture. <b>Friday Fun:</b> Colour Run

Payments can be through ParentPay or childcare vouchers by Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2023. Payments will be accepted from **Friday 7th July.** Once the school has received payment, your child(ren)'s place in the holiday club will be confirmed.

If you wish to amend an existing booking please notify the school by emailing Newchurch\_Primary\_BusinessManager@sch.warrington.gov.uk

Kindest regards,

Jayne Narraway

Headteacher

