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Important Update for Parents who use "The TP" after school facility

Dear Parents/Carers,

As you may be aware the Local Academy Council have been working hard to provide wrap around care at Tynsel Parkes CE Academy through "The TP".

Despite our best efforts to promote this facility and reduce our outgoings the number of children using the facility has continued to decline over the past year. The number of sessions being used has dropped to an unsustainable amount and the income we receive from parents cannot pay for the staff that work in the facility. "The TP" is run separately from the school and the school's funding cannot be used to support it, the wrap around care must bring in sufficient income to pay the staff members wages.

For this reason we have taken the very difficult decision to enter into a formal consultation period with staff regarding the closure of the after school club. The consultation period ends on 5th October but we wanted to inform parents as soon as possible so that they may find other suitable arrangements. Following consultation, if the decision is taken to proceed with the closure, the last day parents will be able to book their children into the after school club is Thursday 22nd October.

We would like to reassure parents that this does not affect the breakfast club, which remains well attended by children and we are confident that we can continue to offer this facility to parents going forward.

We understand that this news will adversely affect a small number of our families, and wish there was an alternative solution to closing the after school facility, but it is simply not financially viable to continue to offer this service any longer.

Yours sincerely

John Davey

Chair of the Local Academy Council