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After School Child Care Provision – September 2021

Dear Parents,

Over the Summer break we have had a few parents enquire if Tynsel Parkes would be reopening the afterschool childcare provision. I would like to take this opportunity to respond to your queries.

Unfortunately, last academic year the Local Academy Council had to make the decision to close the childcare facility due to the lack of children requiring the service - numbers were down to one child to care for on certain nights and only 20 sessions filled in throughout week.

The afterschool facility is run as a separate business to the school and was not financially viable, the facility cannot run at a loss. Unfortunately for schools, childcare for school aged children is not funded or supported by the Government, and would need to breakeven entirely from the payments that parent make. The parent survey from the summer term indicated only 9 children needed after school care with a total of 28 sessions required per week.

We would need to have **a minimum of 10 children pre-booked each night** or 50 sessions booked throughout the week for the afterschool provision to re-open; this would just cover the salaries of two members of staff. The places would need to be pre-booked and not on an ad hoc basis, there are lots of additional costs on top of the staff costs such as food and energy costs, any extra funding would go towards buying new equipment and toys to maintain the facility. The minimum number of children is based on charging **£8 for an after school session, 3-5pm**.

I would like to take this opportunity to ask again if after school childcare is needed for you and your family. Please complete the online form via [this link](#) by Friday 17th September, if you reply to the survey we will know the exact number of children that need this service and the days you require. Once we know how many children require the facility we will be able to have further discussions with the Local Academy Council.

Thank you for supporting with this survey,

Rachel Chandler

Principal.