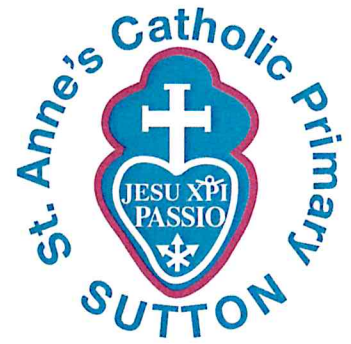


2nd July 2018



Out of School Care Provision

Dear Parents and Carers,

As many of you will be aware from the national agenda, school budgets are struggling greatly and we are unfortunately, affected increasingly by this. Over the next two years the school will be looking at budget cuts of such significance, that we could potentially be in a situation of facing staff redundancy over the next 12 to 18 months. This is not a situation we are happy with, nor one that we want to face.

The sole aim and purpose for us at St Anne's is to enable our children to have the best educational experience possible and to enable them to achieve their unique potential in every respect. The impact of a falling budget challenges this and therefore myself and the governors have to ensure that every aspect of school expenditure is providing good value for money to the benefit of our children.

The Out of School provision, in particular After School Club, unfortunately, is currently running at a large deficit of thousands of pounds. This deficit is looking set to increase over the next academic year if we do not take action now. The school budget cannot possibly sustain the debt which is due mainly to low uptake of the provision – (low demand) and also due to repeated non-payment in some cases for sessions attended.

As a school we appreciate that a small number of our families rely on the provision for work commitments and child care. For this reason we have chosen to give the provision another academic year to run and then make an informed decision as to the viability of the provision going forward. For this to be sustainable however we are having to make some changes.
From September 2018:

- All sessions must be selected, booked and paid for in advance. If you wish to access the Breakfast Club, Afterschool Club or Nursery Wrap Around Care you must complete an options sheet in July before the Summer holidays. There will no longer be the opportunity for your child to attend if the session has not been booked and paid for in advance.
- Emergency bookings can only be made in the case of an **extreme emergency**.
- Any outstanding debts incurred will remain in place until cleared and in line with school policy issued by the Governing Body and your child will not be permitted to attend the provision until the debt has been fully cleared.

We very much hope to maintain our Out of School Care provision as we feel the ability to offer the service to our families is advantageous to all. However until the provision becomes financially sustainable, this remains in question.

Mrs. R Crolla
Head Teacher

