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School Budget 2017-18 Breakfast/After School Club

Dear Parents/Carers,

As you will have heard and read in the news, school budgets are becoming ever more stretched and more difficult to balance. There are significant savings that need to be made and schools such as ours need to look at ways to raise additional revenue.

As a result of a full budget review we have decided to take a number of important strategic decisions to ensure that we can maintain the high quality staff and education for your children.

As you are aware, through our work as a teaching school I and other staff will work in other schools to support them during challenging times. All funds raised through this work go straight back to the school budget and there is absolutely no additional personal benefit to the staff who provide these services on behalf of our school. We will continue to seek these opportunities to support other schools and help our own school financially at the same time.

A second key strategy is to offer more training and support to Hampshire teachers by using our new library and SCITT building. We will begin to formulate this programme of events before the summer holidays. If there is any training or development that you would like to hold and use our school as a venue, please let us know as we may be able to provide our training room to you for a day.

Finally, the change that you are likely to notice most is that we have decided to take breakfast and after-school club back under school control in the hope that we can operate at a small profit and help us bridge the difference between our budget and our overheads.

I must stress at this point that this decision has not been taken lightly and it is no way any negative reflection upon 115 Club or the excellent service that they have provided to our school over the past decade. We are, in fact, very sorry to have to take such a decision and wish things were different. I would like to say a huge thank you to all the staff at 115 Club for their care and dedication to our children and also to David, the proprietor who has become a good friend to our school over the years.

The change will happen in September and breakfast and after school club will be provided by current school staff in the school building every day so parents will still be able to access the same service. No price increase is planned so parents will not see any great difference other than who provides the clubs and the fact that all sessions will be offered in the school building.

I hope that this letter gives you enough information about our planned changes, particularly to breakfast and after school club and we hope that you will continue to support our breakfast and after school provision in September. A further, more detailed letter will come to you once we have confirmed the details of how the new system will operate.

Best wishes.

Mr. Brown

