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Dear Parents and Carers,

I wrote to you before half term advising that the governing body and Mr Moloney would be looking at options around wraparound care from September.

Hipsburn has 68 families in school. 22 (32%) parents responded to the recent survey, which assumes that the remaining 46 (68%) has no requirement for any form of wraparound offer.

Of this:

- 23% of parents wanted care most days, 54% a few times per week and 23% on occasion
- 9% wanted care before school, 41% after and 50% both before and after.

The governor working group explored a range of options by seeking guidance from Northumberland County Council (NCC) and speaking to schools and organisations across the county that offer different forms of wraparound care.

As a school we need to balance the needs of parents alongside that of the school staff and its budget.

We:

- cannot insist that existing staff extend their working days beyond their contracted hours to cover breakfast and/or after school sessions
- have been advised by the Local Authority that we cannot employ additional staff if there is any risk that their salaries will exceed the income generated by the wraparound sessions
- do not believe that there is currently sufficient interest to attract a business owner to work as a private entity within school. However, this option is open should anyone (whether parent or otherwise) wish to do so.

Unfortunately, that means at this stage we will not be offering an extended hours provision from September. Should interest increase or circumstances change we will revisit.

Although some are already underway, school will, from September, offer a full range of after-school clubs that will run until 4.15pm each day, extending the school day by one hour.

Regards

Allison Wort

