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## IMPORTANT NEWS

Dear Parents/Carers,

As you may know from local and national news headlines, schools are facing increasing financial cuts and challenges. As a result of this, it could mean reduced resources and staffing. In light of this, the Governing Board have been looking at ways in which they can protect current levels of staffing and resources. After much discussion, they have decided on two significant changes that will take place over the next 6 months:

1. We will start a new breakfast club (for the pupils of Ladybridge Primary only)
2. We will start a new after school club (for the pupils of Ladybridge Primary only)

### 1. Breakfast Club:

- The club will begin on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2017 (after the Easter holidays);
- The club will be **FREE** for the first 12 months (school has been given a grant), after which time, a charge will apply;
- The club will be available to Ladybridge Primary pupils only;
- The club will initially be based in the school hall (but from September, it will be based in the Studio, as the current Kids Club will not be based on the school premises from September 2017);
- The club will be staffed by our school staff.

### 2. After school club:

- The club will begin in September 2017;
- The club will be available to Ladybridge Primary pupils only;
- The club will be based in the Studio (as the current Kids Club will no longer be based on school premises);
- The club will be staffed by our school staff;
- A number of other details are currently being worked on by the Governing Board, including charges and opening hours. A decision will be made later this term (and parents informed)

We aim to provide before and after school care that is primarily about ensuring children have fun in a relaxed, safe and nurturing environment. However, our clubs have the added bonus of being staffed by school staff, who work in classes every day. They are keen for parents to know that they want to maximise these opportunities to provide additional support and guidance to pupils. They are experienced in working with the school curriculum and in using a range of strategies and resources, which they will be able to bring to different activities within the club.

### What about holiday care?

Governors are aware that some families rely on holiday clubs in order that parents can work. As a result, Governors are currently looking at a number of different options, including arrangements with other schools, using an outside provider based at Ladybridge, etc. However, this will be dependent upon the level of need and type of holiday-care that families at Ladybridge require. So, over the next couple of months we will survey all parents to get ideas, thoughts and level of need/interest (an initial survey sent out in December has already provided us with some useful information).

### What about Kids Club that are currently based in school?

This has not been an easy decision, particularly as Ladybridge Kids Club, run by Stella and her team, have served our school community well over the last 5 years. We would advise parents, that currently use this service, to speak with Stella about her plans during the time that her club remains based at school.

We appreciate that this is an emotive and difficult issue, but we would ask parents and carers to focus on the reason why the decision has been made. We, at Ladybridge Primary School, need to continue to provide your children with access to high numbers of staff and high quality resources. Without these new school-run clubs, there would be a significantly negative impact on the resources across school.

It is likely that this matter will appear on the next parents' forum agenda (Wed 15<sup>th</sup> March, 6.30pm), and there will be parental surveys over the next few months. However, if you would like to discuss anything relating to this issue, please don't hesitate to contact school to arrange a meeting with either myself, other Governors or Mr Watson.

Yours faithfully,

Miss Nicola Burgess  
Chair of Governors  
On behalf of the Governing Board