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Dear Parents/Carers,

RE: Review of Extracurricular activities for Key Stage 1 Children.

Thank you to parents and carers that have taken time to share your thoughts and feedback regarding our after-school club offer. I really value your input, as it helps us to reflect on and improve the opportunities we provide for the children in our school community.

Since taking on the role of Executive Headteacher in September, one of my key school improvement targets for personal development was to introduce extra-curricular clubs aimed at encouraging children to develop **new skills, embrace an active lifestyle, and enjoy the benefits of exercise for their physical and mental well-being**. With this in mind, we decided to launch a trial of various small clubs in November, and I have been more than delighted by the positive response from both children and parents.

In just two months, we have been able to offer a diverse range of clubs, including football, multi-sports, gymnastics, dodgeball, and arts and crafts. It has been wonderful to see so many children enjoying these activities, exploring their interests, and engaging in physical exercise after school; with over 85% of Key Stage 1 taking up an activity.

I would like to let you know that due to the very popular demand, we are currently reviewing how we manage bookings, offer places, and accept payments for after-school clubs, as we are keen to ensure the process is as fair and accessible as possible for all families. As part of this review, we would really appreciate it if you could take some time to share your views regarding future clubs and any ideas you may have by completing a short online questionnaire which will be available on this week's newsletter (online Friday 17 January). This will help us to better cater to the interests and needs of our children and families.

Thank you again for your support and understanding as we work together to provide the best possible opportunities for your children. If you have specific suggestions or concerns, I would be happy to discuss them further, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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