



Stanbridge Lower School

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Dear Parents/Guardian

Extended Schools Survey - Results

A little while ago now, the Extended Schools Survey was sent home for you to fill in. The questionnaires have all been analysed by the Extended Schools Co-ordinator in our area and we have since met to discuss the outcomes and provisions we can put into place to enhance opportunities for children and parents at our school.

The outcomes are as follows:

Breakfast Club	2 parents said they would use it everyday, 4 parents said they would use it occasionally
After School Care	1 parent said they would use it everyday, 2 parents said they would use it occasionally
Holiday Care	Less than 4 parents required a form of holiday care during the different holidays
After School Activities	Lots of parents felt after school activities were sufficient and good, but results indicated a greater variety would be desirable. Many children already accessed after school activities either here at school or elsewhere.
Sessions for parents/ carers	<p>Parents felt they would like to access sessions which informed them about</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supporting their children's learning • Transition • Internet safety • Coping with bullying • Bringing up confident children • Information on drugs/alcohol • First aid • Parenting teenagers • Cooking • Sport/fitness <p>Child care would limit access to these events by parents</p>
Family Classes	<p>Families felt they would like to take part in the following classes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arts, crafts, pottery • Computers, languages, sports, music • Dance, gardening • Tracing family trees • Dads and lads/lasses • Digital camera • Cookery <p>Most families felt they would be willing to pay for these classes Child care for younger children limited access to these classes</p>

This was a really interesting and informative survey which helped steer us in the right direction. Based on the outcomes of the survey, the following decisions and plans have been made.

1. It was felt by our Extended Schools Co-ordinator that before and after school clubs would not be viable at Stanbridge due to the lack of children needing this facility. If there are parents who have a need for this

provision, please approach a member of staff and we can sign post you to the nearest place offering this service. If the need for this type of care changes we will look at the viability again.

2. **Holiday Provision:** Please look out for advertisements in the local area, advertising holiday provision for groups of schools. If anyone has any problems with holiday care, please approach a member of staff and we will try to help you or sign post you to the nearest provision.

3. To provide a greater variety of clubs for children we have used the services of an outside agency called Clubs 4 Children. A letter was sent home recently asking for children to indicate which new clubs they would like to take part in. These are gradually being returned. If you haven't returned yours yet, please do so as soon as possible, then a decision can be made about what clubs to start and when.

4. **Sessions for Parents:**

- **Bringing the Best out in Boys with Lucinda Neal:** The session will cover channeling boys' energy, structure, boundaries and discipline, improving boys' emotional literacy, how to avoid nagging and shouting, building self esteem and humour and playfulness. This event will be held on Wednesday 19th Nov at Fulbrook Middle School, Woburn Sands at 7pm or Wednesday 25th Feb 09 at Pulfords Lower School, 7pm.
- **Teenagers: What Every Parent Needs to Know:** At Cedars Upper School, 7pm on Thursday 7th May 09.
- **Encouraging Your Child's Confidence:** Fulbrook Middle School, 7pm on Wednesday 6th May 09 or 20th May 09, 7pm at Leighton Middle School.

All the above sessions are free and open to all. No booking is required. This is an event for all local schools organized by the Extended Services Co-ordinator in this area.

Thank you once again for completing the questionnaire and returning it to school.

Yours sincerely

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