



St. Stephen's Church of England Junior School

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'Act justly, love mercy and walk humbly with your God'
Micah 6:8

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Afterschool Clubs

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of this second block of clubs, we hope all the children who attend have enjoyed the extra-curricular opportunities that have been available to them. It has been wonderful to see so many children developing new skills or enjoying subjects/areas of learning as part of these clubs.

As you may be aware, clubs delivered by teaching staff are an additional commitment at the end of the school day. By the end of this block, clubs would have already added an additional 12 hour commitment by teaching staff in addition to their directed time. Despite the enjoyment of delivering such opportunities and interacting with children from across the school, this additional time impacts on teacher's workloads which already spills into their own time i.e. planning, marking and preparing lessons for the next day.

As a result, following a discussion with teaching staff, it has been agreed that delivering a club will no longer be an expectation. This means that clubs will no longer be offered in blocks of 6 weeks as previously shared.

In some individual cases, clubs may be continued e.g. sports or external groups/individuals and you will be informed of details of these accordingly. Crochet is one of these. If you would like your child to be part of this club, please go onto Arbor and register your interest for a place for next term by the end of this Wednesday. We will then let you know by the end of the week if your child has a place. Please note that this club is limited to 20 children and will not continue beyond Term 4.

This decision has not be made easily and has been carefully considered in line with DfE working hours guidance and expectations. We appreciate this decision may cause disappointment but hope you understand our determination to maintain the well-being of teaching staff. We will continue to strive to provide as many opportunities within our curriculum as possible and continue to develop subjects to ensure that a wide range of skills and knowledge can be developed.

We appreciate your support with this matter.

Kind regards,

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