

Friday, 20th September 2019

Dear Parent/Guardian,

As many of you may be aware through the news and other media sources, the government is very keen to extend school opening time so as to give parents the opportunity to extend their working hours if they so wish or to take up training. This forms part of the Government's Extended School's Programme. Schools have been encouraged to set up breakfast clubs and after school clubs. These clubs offer families a safe, secure, friendly environment which enhances children's social development.

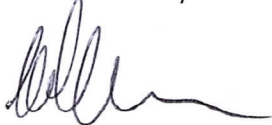
Brabourne School are keen to provide an **After School Club** facility for parents of children at the school. We have taken steps to work with "Kent Play Clubs", a local not for profit-making organisation, towards establishing an after school club, which will operate from 3pm-6pm each school day. Kent Play Clubs has pioneered the building of partnerships in local communities to establish safe and enjoyable after school club facilities, and to date is managing 9 clubs in Kent. The After School Club at Brabourne School would be an Ofsted registered facility, and would cater for 4-11 year olds. The management board of the club would be voluntary and would have representation from the school as well as adults from the wider village community. The board will work closely with Kent Play Clubs to ensure that qualified, professional staff work at the club, that the children are offered fun filled activities, to promote healthy eating and most of all provide a consistent, quality child care service.

While I am aware that parents will have questions about the practical details of the after school club, I would like to ask you your opinion about the principle of setting up such a club. Information from parent/carers is essential for us to establish if there is sufficient demand for a club and will help us to identify if an After School Club would be a long term sustainable project.

With this in mind, I would be grateful, therefore, if you would complete the questionnaire on the reverse of this letter as fully as you can and return it to the School Office by Friday, 4th October 2019 at the very latest. The school and Kent Play Clubs can then gauge interest levels and continue to plan the development of this exciting venture.

Thank you in anticipation of your feedback.

Yours sincerely



Mr A Stapley
Headteacher

We are considering establishing an After School Club at Brabourne Primary School, working in partnership with Kent Play Clubs. The club will open from 3pm – 6pm each school-day afternoon. The session fee will be £9 per child. (please circle your answer)

- 1) Do you think there is a need for such a club at the school? **Yes/No**
- 2) Would you consider using the club for your child/children? **Yes/No**
- 3) If yes, how many children would you need places for? _____
- 4) How many evenings per week and which nights? (please circle) _____ **nights**
Mon / Tue / Wed / Thurs / Fri
- 5) Would an after school club help you to take up work or training? **Yes, work
Yes, training
No**
- 6) Would you be able to extend your working hours if there was an after school club in place? **Yes/No**
- 7) Would you use the club as a safe and friendly environment for your child to socialise and play after school, even if you do not work? **Yes/No**
- 8) Do you currently use another form of childcare, if so which? **Yes/No**
If yes which type _____
- 9) If you use another type of provider would you consider moving your children to the after school club if it opened? **Yes/No**
- 10) Did you know that many employers offer childcare voucher schemes or that to you may be entitled to tax-free childcare? (For more information see <https://www.gov.uk/tax-free-childcare>) **Yes/No**
- 11) If it seems that there is a demand for a club then we will be looking for individuals to make up the Voluntary Management Group for the club. Would you be interested in knowing more about this role? (If yes, please complete your details overleaf) **Yes/No**
- 12) If there is insufficient demand for a club at Brabourne School would you consider using one of the other after school clubs in the Kent Play Clubs network e.g. Smeeth Play Club based in Smeeth Primary School? **Yes/No**

If Yes, then how would you foresee the transition from Brabourne to Smeeth to be managed. Would you consider:-

Taxi **Yes/No**
(using DBS checked drivers)
(max 4 children at a shared cost of £16 per trip)

Parent Car Share Scheme **Yes/No**
(each parent takes a turn to take children)

Or do you have another idea? **Yes/No**

If yes, please share _____

13) Would you like to go on our mailing list to keep updated on the progress of the project? If so, please fill in your details below.

Yes/No

14) Also, have you ever considered working in an after school club, because there would be job opportunities there. You may already have trained for this or you may want to receive details of the training that is provided. Would you like to know more? (If yes, please complete your details below)

Yes/No

Name: _____

Address: _____

Tel: _____

Email: _____

**PLEASE RETURN TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE
BY
Friday, 4th October 2019
Thank you**