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Dear Parents

WIMBLEDON CHASE PRIMARY SCHOOL – HAPPY FACES TRANSITION

I hope this letter finds you well. I am writing to inform you about an exciting development that will take effect after February half term next year. As the Chair of Governors, I am delighted to share with you that our school will be taking over the operation of the existing after-school club provision. As you may be aware, 'Happy Faces' is our current after-school club provider and has successfully partnered with the school for many years.

Firstly, I want to emphasise that this strategic decision is in no way a reflection of the excellent work done by Happy Faces. We sincerely appreciate the dedication they have shown in providing a safe and nurturing environment for our children after school hours. The decision for the school to take over the operation of the after-school provision is a carefully considered move which will provide greater control over the provision, as well as generating more revenue and providing additional support for our school budget.

The governors firmly believe that this change will be a positive step forward for our school community. By managing this provision in-house, we will have greater flexibility whilst seeing an improved financial return. We are pleased to note that this transition aligns with a broader trend observed in many successful schools across the Borough and beyond. As primary schools continue to evolve, managing auxiliary services such as after-school clubs internally has become a strategic choice with numerous benefits.

This decision will not adversely impact any of our parents or students, nor the existing staff at Happy Faces who will transition across to the school's new provision of the after-school club. The existing waiting list for Happy Faces will also remain in place. Our goal is to make this transition as smooth as possible, ensuring that our children continue to flourish and enjoy their time with us after school.

The staff of Happy Faces have already been informed of this change. We have also prepared a list of FAQs, [available on the school's website](#), for your information.

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However, if you have any questions or concerns about this change, please do not hesitate to reach out to us. We value your feedback and are here to address any queries you may have.

Thank you very much for your support.

Yours faithfully

Tom Jeans

Chair of Governors

For and on behalf of the Governing Body, Wimbledon Chase Primary School