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Dear Parent/Carer,

Pre School and Before/After School Club Update

I am delighted to inform you that following consultation with the Local Authority, the Governing Body have been granted permission to undertake the operation of the on-site pre-school and before and after school clubs from September 2017.

This is great news for the school and we hope that it will have a positive impact on the consistency of EYFS provision and, in turn, on end-of-Key-Stage outcomes for children. The main difference in the provision, is that we are required by the Department for Education (DfE) to ensure that the provision is led by a qualified teacher.

To this end, I am pleased to announce that Mrs Clare Thornborrow will be the qualified teacher in Havannah Pre School who will work alongside Miss Slater as Early Years Lead and will report to the school's Senior Leadership Team and Governing Body.

It is also important to recognise and note our thanks to the existing providers, Adventure Clubs Limited, who have led this provision on our site for over ten years. I am pleased to also share that all of their existing staff will be joining our well-established staff team in order to ensure that we can provide a most seamless transition.

Recent changes in National Government legislation means that many parents and their pre-school children can gain up to 30 hours of free childcare which is something that we will be offering as part of the continuing pre-school provision on site. We will be offering the same hours of operation for both the before school club, pre-school and after school club and if any parents would like any further information regarding these services, please do not hesitate to contact the school office or complete the enclosed application form to secure your child's place. The funding



application form for the Autumn Term 2017/18 will be available to us in the next few weeks and we can then forward this to you as soon as it is received.

We have also registered with the Tax Free Childcare Scheme which is an online government service to help parents pay for childcare. For every £8 a parent pays into their childcare Account, the Government will add an extra £2 in their childcare account. Parents can then use that money to pay us for childcare. Parents who have signed up online for this can use this service. For further information, visit <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/tax-free-childcare-10-things-parents-should-know>

I hope that this information meets with your excitement and enthusiasm – which is certainly building within school in preparation for us starting this venture at the beginning of the new school year. The Pre School will be undergoing a soft refurbishment during the summer holidays and will also be developing different ways of learning including providing Forest School-related activities and events.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Stefanie Williams
Headteacher

Attached: Pre school Admission Form

