



9th June 2020

Dear Parents and carers,

WOSC June update

We hope you and your children are all well and staying safe. Since our last communication, the guidelines for schools and childcare provision have continued to be revised, and as of last week some of our children have returned to school. The guidelines for wraparound childcare have also changed and we would like to share with you a letter from Cambridgeshire County Council.

The latest information is that where provisions are based on school premises, they can reopen. However, this is provided that the provision can maintain the same arrangements as during the school day, keeping children in the same 'bubbles'. William Westley currently has eight bubbles covering YR, Y1, Y6 and key worker children in other years. As you can appreciate, this is challenging for the staff at school and they are using all available classrooms and space, including the small hall that WOSC use.

Therefore, it is not feasible for WOSC to open at this time. We do not have sufficient staff to maintain the bubbles, regardless of the number of children that would be in each, we also respect the need for school to maximise on the space they need. We would be very restricted on the activities we could plan for the children, given we would not be able to use many of our toys, games and craft resources due to the regular deep cleaning needed. Opening the club would also not be financially viable. Consequently, the committee has agreed that we will not open during this last half term period.

The committee have considered the possibility of opening for the summer holiday. At this time, with the current guidelines, we have decided that this is not feasible, but we will review each time there are revised guidelines issued by the government and communicate with you if the situation changes. We will continue to work closely with Paul Bryant and support the school throughout this time. The committee's priority has been to try to keep the club financially secure and support our staff so that when it is practicable and financially viable to do so we can reopen. Many volunteer hours have been given to do this so far and I would like to thank the committee for their time and contribution.

We are also considering how to approach planning for September term, when at this time we have no visibility of what schools and childcare guidelines will be. Normally we would release our booking forms in early July to allow sufficient time to gather bookings, payment, registration forms and plan staffing. Until there is further knowledge, we have decided not to release any booking forms, but please be aware that if and when we do so we will need a prompt response to allow us to execute plans quickly. This could be at any time over the summer period. We will endeavour to provide regular communication through this time.

The safety of children and staff at WOSC is our primary priority. This is a very difficult time for everyone, and it is challenging to ensure that we make the right decisions for the club for parents, staff and children so thank you for your continued support and understanding. If you have any queries, please contact bookings@wosclub.co.uk for general enquiries, for changes in contact details and registration forms. For any other questions or information please email chair@wosclub.co.uk.

Best wishes to all

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On behalf of WOSC committee