Feedback from Parental Consultation Meeting
23 April 2015

After a welcome from Mrs Buchanan as Acting Chair of Governors, Ms Howard introduced the purpose of the meeting which was to look at what out of hours learning opportunities the school could offer parents and families from September 2015.
The provision came under 3 broad headings of 'Clubs', 'Learning Support' and 'Childcare'.
Parents and Governors worked in groups to look at what school currently offers, what could be offered from September and how this would benefit the children, parents and school. All groups feedback with their 3 highest priorities.
All suggestions were collated from the groups and the key findings are summarised below.

Childcare

Top Three Suggestions	Total
Hours 7.30 am – 6 pm	**6**
*Flexibility of Days - Emergency provision – hourly rate	**4**
*Cost – affordable - discount for siblings	**3**
*Holiday provision – cover full working day	**3**
** Guaranteed child care from September	**2**
Payment methods	**1**
High quality DBS checked professionals on site	**1**
Holiday activities do not clash with other schools	**1**
On site	**1**
Total	**22**

***Themed suggestions were grouped**
****Although guaranteed child care from September only appears twice on the list, it was a frequently asked question at the end of the meeting.

All Suggestions	Total Number	Total
Organisation		
***This is most important – Need an absolute GUARANTEE that there will be **childcare from September**. Cannot **wait** for an answer on this - Essential This needs to be available every day	4	**Total requests for childcare 19 (30.7%)**
Important to offer childcare 7.30am – 6pm daily – some parents will lose jobs if not provided so may move schools – 5 days a week 7.30am start – finish at least 6pm – 15 minutes later if possible	11	

People will have to move schools if this does not happen This is not a choice for working parents. It is not added value. This is a **Basic standard** that we should be able to rely on		
Before school clubs that can be used last minute	1	
***After school club 3.10 – 6 or 6.30 pm 3 – 6pm with flexibility with days	3	
***Flexibility** for one off days e.g. hospital visits, funerals – flexible hours Some parents cannot give set days – We only pay when we need it Can phone up on the day and book them in	9	**Flexibility 12 (19.4%)**
Pay for extras on the day if required on short notice	1	
Need to be able to contact the people who run the club at short notice out of hours – Text message to a person We need a mobile number as to who we contact	2	
***Costs** - Affordable costings £4 or under per morning (incl breakfast snacks) [currently £4.50], £8 or under per after school session (incl snacks) [currently £8.50]- Cheaper club 2 tier costing: less up to 4.30pm, greater after 5.30pm Hourly rate – after school we can get them for £4 [£4.50 currently] Cheap – no increase in cost	5	**Cost 11 (17.8%)**
Childcare vouchers as payments	3	
Cost - Discount for 2nd/3rd child	1	
Charges clearly communicated	1	
Parent pay is an excellent payment method	1	
Good staff to children ratio - Ratio 1:10?	3	**Staffing 7 (11.3%)**
Qualified DBS high quality professionals running care	1	
Staff trained	1	
To involve school staff also?	1	
Any job opportunities?	1	
***Stay on site Wrap around care needs to be on site. This is not added value. This is a **basic standard** that we should be able to rely on	3	**3 (4.8%)**
***Children need to be safe – feel comfortable and safe	2	**2 (3.2%)**
Could current users be given priority	1	**Continuity of Provision 2 (3.2%)**
Could current users be given same time slots	1	
The worry is the capacity the school can offer	1	**Capacity**

Not cancelled last minute	1	**2 (3.2%)**
Needs to be well resourced – toys, games, cake making	1	**1 (1.6%)**
Communication	1	**1 (1.6%)**
Reliable and friendly	1	**1 (1.6%)**
Kids from other schools? Term time – no; holidays – yes	1	**1 (1.6%)**
Organisation - Total number of comments		**62 (100%)**
Holiday Clubs		
***Holiday clubs – Other schools run successful affordable clubs – fun Run on different weeks to other local schools	10	**10 (20.3%)**
***Go different places ie Go Ape, ski etc Days out in the school holidays	2	**Activities 5 (19.2%)**
Not term time – art for all	1	
Holiday clubs themed days ie science day, sports day	2	
***Holiday clubs from 8am – 6pm Working hours 8ish – 5ish – finish after 4pm	4	**4 (15.4%)**
Want to know whereabouts/safe H&S	1	**Structure 3 (11.6%)**
Well organised and communicated	1	
Structured ahead	1	
Affordable holiday clubs £10/day ?	2	**2 (7.7%)**
Holiday clubs flexible, maybe few days or the full week	1	**1 (3.8%)**
Coordinate holiday clubs with other schools so they don't clash	1	**1 (3.8%)**
Holiday Clubs - Total Supporting Comments		**26 (100%)**
What's Included		
***More fun for younger children; more school help for older children – Younger kids "not an extension of school" feel – Fun for the kids out of school	3	**Children's Choices 6 (37.5%)**
Activities?? Choice of the child	2	
High degree of independent choice during the sessions – not so directed	1	

Structured for children eg homework	1	**Homework 3 (18.7%)**
Help with homework (see clubs)	1	
Homework if parent asks	1	
*Quiet areas – Children need some quiet time at after school clubs – not constant noise	3	**3 (18.7%)**
Reading books as an option would be good but it shouldn't be compulsory	1	**1 (6.3%)**
Use of school resources – ICT/library/kitchen	1	**1 (6.3%)**
Play time	1	**1 (6.2%)**
DVDs	1	**1 (6.3%)**
What's Included – Total Number of Comments		**16 (100%)**
Food		
*Healthy eating – The children need feeding proper food – more than a crumpet!	4	**4 (30.7%)**
*Breakfast club - 7.30 – 8.50 am	3	**3 (23.1%)**
*Snacks and drinks within half an hour of coming into the club in afternoon sessions - healthy	3	**3 (23.1%)**
Provision for healthy evening meal	2	**Tea 3 (23.1%)**
No to tea	1	
Food – Total Number of Comments		**13 (100%)**

Learning Support

Top Three Suggestion	Total
Educational focus – academic subjects - Increasing literacy and numeracy – meeting targets	**3**
*Homework clubs – children feel it is an extension of the school day – run by teachers	**2**
*Workshop for parents - supporting children at home, phonics workshop	**2**
PSHCE eg Year5/ 6 – dealing with emotions, transition to senior school	**2**
Club to build social skills, boost confidence, teamwork	**1**
Covering all abilities	**1**
Link with Alder Grange to offer languages	**1**
Library – have clubs in there	**1**
Larkhill Rise activities for adults as well as children	**1**
Total	**14**

All Suggestion	Total
*Reading club – booster groups – Targeted reading club	**4 (10.3%)**
***High achiever sessions - Gifted and able clubs, not just academic could be sport/music	**3 (7.7%)**
1:1+ support - Helping prepare for high school - coaching, mentoring,- and prep for BRGS entrance exams -1:1 support private tuition (paid for at reasonable costs/fees) for 11+ prep	**3 (7.7%)**
Homework clubs (also under clubs)	**2 (5.1%)**
***English drop in – Targeted English club	**2 (5.1%)**
All children have access to maths support	**2 (5.1%)**
Handwriting	**2 (5.1%)**
Targeted maths/numeracy club	**2 (5.1%)**
Specialist teachers/actors who come in to schools to bring a subject to life – usually history eg Egyptians -	**2 (5.1%)**
***Languages – Link to Alder Grange French, Russian, German, Spanish, Italian	**2 (5.1%)**
Read the books with students when they are late	**1 (2.6%)**
Exciting provision for the middle of the road children eg science, ICT, poetry, writing – low cost or no cost	**1 (2.6%)**
Y5 and Y6 dealing with emotions, peer pressure, technology, puberty etc	**1 (2.6%)**
PHSE (extra) – emotions, bullying, life, friendships	**1 (2.6%)**
Other 1:1 support	**1 (2.6%)**
Challenging targets for all abilities	**1 (2.6%)**
All children have access to phonics support	**1 (2.6%)**
Use of library	**1 (2.6%)**
Children who struggle should be linked to right club	**1 (2.6%)**
Non-curriculum tasters eg science – visiting experts	**1 (2.6%)**
IT	**1 (2.6%)**
Learning support for average ability	**1 (2.5%)**
Learning support for lower ability	**1**

	(2.5%)
Social skills club/activities (see also Clubs)	**1 (2.5%)**
Financial awareness	**1 (2.5%)**
Activities Offered – Total Number of Comments	**39 (100%)**
Not adult schooling/courses	**2 (33.2%)**
Learning for adults and children	**1 (16.7%)**
E-learning for adults/children	**1 (16.7%)**
Larkhill Rise for adults	**1 (16.7%)**
Budgeting for parents	**1 (16.7%)**
Learning for adults and children – Total Comments	**6 (100%)**
In what format?	**1 (25%)**
Help with homework is an extension of the school day	**1 (25%)**
Does this create a 2-tier education? ie those who use out of hours homework clubs vs those who don't?	**1 (25%)**
Need to link closely with Alder Grange	**1 (25%)**
General Comments – Total	**4 100%)**
***Parental support for learning - workshops Educate parents on teaching practices	**3 (100%)**
	3 (100%)

Clubs

Top Three Suggestion	Total
***More opportunities for everyone – all years Activities for younger children Different groups for all ages – boys and girls	**4**
*Keep sporting activities - football	**3**
Any activities that encourage social interaction – teams, groups	**2**
Affordable holiday clubs	**2**
More staff to run activities clubs	**1**
Supporting academic activities of interest e.g. Lego	**1**
Useful skills – cycling efficiency, road safety	**1**

Forest school	**1**
Homework clubs	**1**
Professional qualified coaches for holiday clubs	**1**
Yoga, meditation, alternative therapies e.g. massage	**1**
Film	**1**
Languages for adults and children	**1**
Total	**20**

All Suggestions	Total
***Cookery – incl juniors – e.g. baking	**9 (25.7%)**
Biscuit design – Bring in plain biscuits and a range of different toppings, sprinkles so that younger years can let their imagination go wild on making biscuits completely out of the blue!	
***Forest school – spring/summer – for children and adults – gardening here	**6 (17.1%)**
Gardening – all years	**4 (11.4%)**
Bikeability – funded?	**3 (8.8%)**
Activities that promote social interaction	**1 (2.9%)**
Preparing for life/dealing with stress	**1 (2.9%)**
Lego club	**1 (2.9%)**
Tasting Club – have the opportunity to taste different foods from all around the world	**1 (2.9%)**
Healthy eating lifestyles	**1 (2.9%)**
Bible Study	**1 (2.9%)**
Life and environment learning	**1 (2.8%)**
Chess	**1 (2.8%)**
Circus skills	**1 (2.8%)**
Road safety	**1 (2.8%)**
Friendship	**1 (2.8%)**
Coding club	**1 (2.8%)**
Yoga and mindfulness, alternative therapies, massage, reflexology	**1 (2.8%)**
Other Activities – Total Comments	**35 (100%)**
***Dancing – all years – disco, street – qualified teachers/coaches – boys and girls mixed – incl EYFS	**8 (24.2%)**

and KS1 – street dance	
Stage/shows – juniors – drama/acting	**7 (21.2%)**
***Craft, art project themed to season – all levels	**6 (18.3%)**
***Film clubs (weekly/monthly) Lined to down time at after school club	**3 (9.1%)**
***Music – rock band practice for KS1/2	**3 (9.1%)**
Singing	**2 (6.1%)**
Choir	**1 (3.0%)**
Painting	**1 (3.0%)**
Junk modelling	**1 (3.0%)**
Pottery – pot making, clay sculpture making	**1 (3.0%)**
The Arts – Total Comments	**33 (100%)**
***ICT – Year 2 – computer courses Game maker – purple mash	**4 (13.3%)**
***Science – "Mad Science"	**4 (13.3%)**
Homework club	**3 (10.0%)**
Maths club	**2 (6.7%)**
***Languages – for adults and children	**2 (6.7%)**
Reading and phonics EY/KS1/KS2	**2 (6.7%)**
Book Club	**2 (6.7%)**
Booster club for writing, spelling, maths and times tables	**1 (3.4%)**
Kumon learning [maths tuition and English lessons]	**1 (3.4%)**
Computer programming – juniors	**1 (3.4%)**
Design Technology (wood/metal work)	**1 (3.3%)**
English	**1 (3.3%)**
Debating/Speaking	**1 (3.3%)**

Handwriting club	**1 (3.3%)**
Test prep when required (SAT time)	**1 (3.3%)**
"Team" activities	**1 (3.3%)**
Enterprise Club	**1 (3.3%)**
Orienteering	**1 (3.3%)**
Academic Clubs – Total Comments	**30 (100%)**
*****Football EY/KS1/2 – girls and boys – all ages but different groups – professional coaches – early years	**4 (13.8%)**
Sports	**2 (6.9%)**
Cricket	**2 (6.9%)**
Cheerleading EY/KS1/2 – qualified teachers/coaches	**2 (6.9%)**
*****Swimming lessons – incl juniors	**2 (6.9%)**
*****Multisports was a success if straight after school – incl EYFS and KS1	**2 (6.9%)**
Keep sporting activities – athletics, football, tag rugby etc	**1 (3.5%)**
Karate – juniors	**1 (3.5%)**
Kick boxing – juniors	**1 (3.5%)**
Basketball – juniors	**1 (3.5%)**
Athletics/Running Y1	**1 (3.5%)**
Trampoline Club	**1 (3.5%)**
Tri-Golf	**1 (3.4%)**
Gymnastics	**1 (3.4%)**
Gym –incl EYSF and KS1	**1 (3.4%)**
Gymnastics	**1 (3.4%)**
Canoeing, sailing, abseiling (tap in to outdoor places)	**1 (3.4%)**
Fitness	**1**

	(3.4%)
Skiing – link to Ski Rossendale	**1 (3.4%)**
Not sport activities	**1 (3.4%)**
Sports – Total Comments	**29 (100%)**
***Cost – Would club provision, as opposed to childcare, mean increased cost?	**2 (11.8%)**
***Limited in number? How can they be offered to all children on roll ie 280 kids	**2 (11.8%)**
***Flexibility - kids decide	**2 (11.8%)**
***Needs to be seasonal? - Different clubs at different times of year	**2 (11.8%)**
***Inclusive - More opportunity for everyone to join chosen clubs	**2 (11.8%)**
More clubs for younger kids and more choice	**1 (5.9%)**
Educational and fun at the same time	**1 (5.9%)**
Mixed bag of activities each day – not all sport	**1 (5.9%)**
Ideal length of session?	**1 (5.9%)**
Staffing? New or existing staff?	**1 (5.8%)**
Does it have to start dead on 3.10pm or could children re-charge and start?	**1 (5.8%)**
Hall needs to be available	**1 (5.8%)**
Organisation – Total Comments	**17 (100%)**

Results Summary

Area of Opportunity	Number of Comments	%		% of Total
Childcare				
Organisation	**62**	**53.0%**		
Holiday Clubs	**26**	**22.2%**		
What's Included	**16**	**13.7%**		
Food	**13**	**11.1%**		
Total Childcare	**117**		**117**	**37.4%**
Learning Support				
Activities Offered	**39**	**75.0%**		
Learning for Adults and Children	**6**	**11.5%**		
Organisation	**4**	**7.7%**		
Parents Support for Children's Learning	**3**	**5.8%**		
Total Learning Support	**52**	**100%**	**52**	**16.6%**
Clubs				
Other Activities	**35**	**24.3%**		
The Arts	**33**	**22.9%**		
Academic Clubs	**30**	**20.8%**		
Sports	**29**	**20.2%**		
Organisation	**17**	**11.8%**		
	144	**100%**	**144**	**46.0%**
Overall Total Comments			**313**	**100%**