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courageous.....for  
the Lord your God is  
with you*

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Dear Parent/Carer,

### **Wraparound Care Provision Review**

You may have read in the news over the last year about the government's commitment to ensuring that wraparound childcare is available for children before and after school to assist parents and carers who work.

At High Wycombe Church of England school, we have partnered with Quackers for over seven years. They provide both a breakfast club and after-school childcare provision. We have been fortunate to have had a consistent team with Quackers, and during this time, we have received consistently positive feedback from parents about the quality and reliability of Quackers' service.

However, more recently we have had a few parents concerned about the affordability of the wraparound care and the lack of flexibility that is available if a parent / carer only requires shorter sessions.

Having taken this feedback onboard, we committed to reviewing our current wraparound care provision. We would speak to Quackers about the possibility of shorter (and more affordable) sessions, and also review what other schools provide and the corresponding cost to understand whether the current provision continues to offer value for money.

#### **Possibility of flexible after-school sessions**

Currently Quackers does offer flexible after-school provision at a small number of local schools, with the possibility of booking shorter, and therefore cheaper, sessions.

Unfortunately, in order for these sites to be financially viable, they are only available at larger schools that generally have a much higher daily attendance at the after-school provision than our school does. One of the smaller school sites that does currently offer this flexibility is not financially viable for Quackers and so they have been forced to give notice that their provision at that site will close next year.

When we asked them about the possibility of offering flexible sessions at our school, Quackers explained that currently the numbers allow them to cover their costs and make a very small return on their investment. There are some weeks when they don't breakeven, and these are balanced out by the busier weeks. Running the option of a shorter session would reduce their income to the point where it would no longer be viable.



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## Alternative providers

We have also researched other local schools to see what they offer in terms of wraparound care.

Fourteen of the local schools also use Quackers.

Of the local schools we looked into that don't use Quackers, most provide the wraparound care in-house by using existing school staff. This does allow them to offer flexible sessions, and the longer sessions are also more affordable. Unfortunately, this is not something that we can offer at our school as we do not have the staff available to run and administer this ourselves.

## Result of the Wraparound Care Provision Review

Following our review, and in order to maintain the quality and consistency of wraparound provision for our families, we have decided to continue working with Quackers as our wraparound care provider.

Yours sincerely,



Celine Hawkins  
Headteacher

