

Thomas Russell Junior School

After School Care Questionnaire

We would like all of our parents to help us gauge interest and enthusiasm for a new venture we are considering launching in September 2016.

We relaunched our Breakfast Club in 2010 and since then it has gone from strength to strength. At £2 - £2.50 per session, including breakfast and a drink, we believe it offers excellent value for money. In a recent survey 100% of parents said they would recommend the club to other parents. The vast majority strongly agreed that children felt safe and happy. Parents also told us the children enjoy both the range of activities and the snack choices. Further improvements have been made since the survey in response to feedback received.

At the other end of the school day, we are really proud of the huge range of extra-curricular clubs that we are able to offer. Having surveyed a number of local schools, and listening to parents who join TRJS from other schools, we are confident we have one of the most varied, well attended and popular ranges of activities both locally and further afield.

We are conscious that there are a number of our children who currently attend off site after school care or are looked after by others, such as childminders, and this can make accessing this fantastic range of clubs really difficult.

Governors are now looking into the feasibility of offering our own after school child care service. It is intended this would run from 3:30 to 5:45, be held at the school and be run by school staff who are familiar with our routines, policies and expectations.

If it was deemed economically viable, we would launch in September 2016 and commit to running for one whole academic year, when we would review viability before making a longer term commitment.

We believe the benefits of this could be numerous. Our key objectives are:

- ensuring all children are able to access the whole range of extra-curricular clubs
- offering value for money childcare
- providing care by staff, who children know well, in a safe, familiar environment.

A supplementary benefit would be a commitment from Governors that any profits will be invested directly back into resources and facilities for the children in school. This could include updating technology such as iPads and interactive whiteboards, or enhancing outdoor play equipment. These are things that we are already keen to do, however decreasing school budgets means they are getting harder to afford.

Please take a couple of minutes to complete the survey overleaf and return it to us. Whether you would be interested in using the club every single day or have no intention of using it, we would like to hear from everybody.

Thank you for your feedback and support.
Mrs Sharpe - Headteacher

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Child's name: _____

Current Class: _____

This is required to ascertain interest levels in different year groups and give priority places to those expressing an initial interest.

		Never	Once a year	Once a term	Once a fortnight	Once or twice a week	Every day
1	How often would you be interested in using After School Care?						
		Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Ad-hoc
2	Which day(s) would you be interested in?						
		Less than an hour (before 4:30)		1 to 1½ hrs (until 5:00)		A full session (until 5:45)	
3	How long would you likely use the club?						
		By the hour				Fixed rate for the session	
4	How would you prefer to be charged?	Approx. £5 per hour				Approx. £8 per session	
		Nothing	Drink and biscuit	Drink and sandwich tea	Hot snack (such as soup or toast)		
5	What snacks / food would you like to see provided?						
		Free play	Structured games	iPads / ICT	Craft / construction	Outdoor play	Homework space
6	What activities would you like to see available?						
		No	Yes	If yes, please indicate which company you use.			
7	Do you currently use childcare vouchers to pay for services?						
8	Is there anything else that you would like to add?						

Thank you for your feedback and support.
Mrs Sharpe - Headteacher