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Dear Parents and Guardians

Following a 'Right to Request Before School Childcare' at the beginning of last year, the governors of Chestnut Lane School surveyed the parents to find out if there was sufficient interest in such a service becoming part of the school.

As the response was so positive, we began the process of bringing in an external provider who could offer the level of service we would expect for our families. The school has no capacity to run this service in house. The company who became our preferred provider is well known to the school and we were looking forward to working with them. Therefore, we approached the local authority with a view to moving to the next stage. As we are a maintained school the local authority must assess the facilities and draw up the legal agreement between the LA, School and Provider.

Unfortunately, it has come to our attention that our application to the commissioning team to begin the legal processes to set up a breakfast club at Chestnut Lane has not yet been started. In fact, we have now been advised that the department is seriously under staffed and our application is one of many that have been placed on hold until the staffing situation is resolved.

This situation has left us all feeling very disappointed and let down. We continue to contact the LA regularly and hope that in the very near future the situation will improve and our application will be successful. Please be assured the staff and governors continue to want this service to become part of our school and will continue to work towards that goal.

As soon as we have any news we will be in touch again.

Yours faithfully

Mrs Christine Plimsaul
Chair of Governors

Our School Values: Respect, Kindness, Resilience, Independence & Responsibility