



Friday 10th May, 2019

After School Provision

Dear Parents/Carers,

Before Easter, parents were made aware of the outcome of our recent review of the contract for after-school provision at Bowmansgreen. The basis for this review was to compare the provision at Bowmansgreen to other local providers, to ensure that we are giving the best value and service for our school community.

A tendering process took place that resulted in four short-listed companies putting forward their proposals, one of which was our current provider, Golden Opportunities. Governors based their final decision on a number of key considerations, including the cost to parents; how the values and ethos of the company aligned with the school's; feedback from parents; and the company's financial sustainability.

We are concerned that there has been some speculation about the school's relationship with Golden Opportunities and would like to take this opportunity to dispel any rumours. The decision to move forward with a new provider was based on the outcome of the tendering process and not due to any concerns about the care or safeguarding provided by Golden Opportunities. As expected, Alison and her staff are disappointed by the outcome, as are a number of the parents who have used Golden Opportunities over the years. We appreciate the impact of this decision on many families and understand the concern and uncertainty surrounding the transition. We will ensure however that the transition is well-planned, handled with sensitivity and prioritises the care and consideration of your children.

From September 2019, a company called Jousters will be running the after school provision at Bowmansgreen. They already run several after school clubs in the local area and are very excited at the opportunity to work with the Bowmansgreen school community. Next week, they will be writing to parents to introduce themselves and provide more information about the company and service that they will provide.

Yours sincerely,

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