

Regarding: The Bridge (Before and After School Club)

Dear parents and carers,

I have exciting news for the future development of or extended school service and the provision of before and after school club! We are currently talking to an external company who would like to provide our before and after school club provision for us, with many additional benefits for our children and families.

As a school, we have been very pleased to see that our numbers accessing this provision has grown since we returned from lockdown, however we have struggled on many occasions to ensure we have the staff available because we are pulling from our own staff who have so many other commitments to our children during the school day. Therefore in order to make sure we can continue with this extended hours service, we have had to look at other options because we know it is so important for many of our families.

The company that we are looking at to provide our before and after school club provide this service for many other schools in Dudley. We will be able to offer some services to parents that we have not been able to due to restrictions in staffing, e.g.

- Provision from 7.30am-6pm (extra 15 minutes a day)
- Ad-hoc booking on the day through their online booking and payment system
- Wider range of activities and snacks available for children
- Holiday club at Maidensbridge available from February half term
- Costs in line with current pricing

We are just in the process of finalising the arrangements with 'RB Gym and Sport' and they are waiting for the Maidensbridge site to be registered with Ofsted as a provider. Ofsted will be visiting our school site this week to make sure it satisfies all requirements.

All safeguarding procedures have been discussed and checked and there will always be a manager on site from the company who is also trained in safeguarding.

We are aiming for this provision to start in January when we return from Christmas, but we cannot finalise the date at the moment.

For parents, it will just mean that you access the booking and payment system for the company rather than our in-school system and all the details for this will be sent out in advance of the start date.

All childcare vouchers that are in credit will be handed over to the company from school so that these can continue to be used by parents going forward.

We feel this change will be beneficial to the children, the families and will ensure that we can still provide this essential service without the danger of having to cancel due to lack of staffing. If you would like to have a look at the sorts of activities they offer, and the other schools they provide for please visit their website. [Wrap around care | Rbgymandsport](#)

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all our Maidensbridge staff members who have jumped in when we have needed them, to ensure that we could provide this essential service for our children and families.

When we have a confirmed start date, we will be in touch with further details. If you have any questions in the meantime, please contact the school office by info@maidens.dudley.sch.uk or by calling 01384 818405.

Thank you

Mrs K Thomas

Headteacher

Sent via

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