



Dear families,

We have an amazing team here at West Buckland but it is currently one that is being stretched very thin. We currently have six members of staff absent and so please bear with us if things are not as smooth as usual. I do have to highlight at this time that if we are unable to sustain the level of cover required we might be forced to close a class for a short period as per our contingency plan. I have to ensure the safety of everyone and this may not be possible if we don't have enough staff in place. This would not be a decision we would take lightly and would be a last resort; in such a case home learning would be set.

Extended Schools have asked me to ask parents to call for collection of their child(ren) when they are outside the gate on the playground and not as they are driving to us please. Once the After School Club staff get the call they are very quick to get the child(ren) ready and wait outside with them. This takes the member of staff away from the rest of the group and leaves our ratio temporarily challenged for longer than necessary. Thank you for your support.

Some really exciting news to finish this week – on Monday, at the AGM, we successfully voted in a new PTFA committee! This was such a positive meeting with so many ideas being shared already and an ambitious fundraising target to hit. Thank you to those who attended as well as those who have already given me their details and expression of interest to help. Attached to this week's newsletter is a form that you can complete if you are willing and able to support at events. This questionnaire will help us build a bank of volunteers and allow lots of events to successfully take place. Instructions on where to return are on the form itself.

Best wishes,

Cameron Mann.

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