

Doddinghurst Church of England (Voluntary Controlled) Junior School



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Dear Parents of children who attend the Chuckles Club,

This letter is to keep you updated on the decision the IEB will be taking about how to keep the provision of a Before and After School service for the parent community of Doddinghurst. Children of both the Junior and Infant Schools use this service which currently uses the Junior School premises.

The IEB (Interim Executive Board) of the Junior School met on the 19th June and were fully briefed on various aspects of the background of the provision, as well as discussing the options for the club beyond January 1st 2018. The IEB recognises that the provision is a valued service in the community and should continue in one form or another. We also recognise that the service must be priced in a way that continues to give parents excellent value for money, and that the current pricing structure continues to as greater extent as possible. The existing staff at the Chuckles Club must be protected in terms of employment and, whatever future provision is offered, these staff have employment rights which must be honoured. Parents and, most importantly, the children value the relationships they have built with these staff, and this must be considered in any decision made.

There are however some outstanding questions regarding the business proposition, including some legal matters, which we have asked Essex County Council to help answer for us. We have a further IEB meeting before the end of term at which we are planning to review the answers to these open questions. We will then be in a position to let you know what has been agreed between all parties in respect of the future of Chuckles beyond January 1st, 2018. In summary, the provision of a service is not in question, but rather who provides this service using the school premises and facilities. No changes are proposed for next term. Parents of Chuckles can be confident that the provision will continue, using a pricing structure as close to the current offer as possible. We will be writing to you with further information either before the end of term or at the beginning of the new academic year in September. As you can appreciate there is limited time before the summer break and all decisions must be discussed with the current Chuckles Club owners and the Infant School.

Yours sincerely,

David Faulkner, on behalf of the Interim Executive Board
Doddinghurst Church of England Junior School

CC Heads of both schools and owner of Chuckles Club

