

# Knights Templar Community Church School & Nursery

*"Be the best you can be with a zest for living, a thirst for learning and a spirit of kindness."*

Headteacher: Mr David Frowde B.Ed, NPQH



Tuesday 21 November 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

## **Dragons' Den – Change of Hours**

Dragons' Den has been in operation for many years and is here to support our families and children by providing wraparound care before and after school and during the longer holiday periods. It does not run as a business to build profit, however it has needed to be self-funding to avoid it drawing on the school budget.

You will be aware from both local and national press, that school budgets are under significant strain and therefore difficult decisions have to be made to prioritise budget spending on the educational provision during the school day for our children.

In recent months, we have been reviewing the demand for the Dragons' Den provision and we have had to make the difficult decision to change the opening hours as it is running at a deficit, taking much needed funds from an already strained school budget.

Currently, the provision offers hours between 7:45-8:45am each morning and 3:30-5:30pm each evening. From January, a change will be made to the afternoon provision resulting in Dragons' Den closing at 4:30pm each day due to lack of demand at this time.

We will also monitor closely the bookings for the school holidays as we need to ensure that this provision can also be self-funding.

We will continue to review this in the future and increase hours as and when demand changes. However, for it to be financially viable we will need at least four children to be using this session each day to cover the cost of the staffing required.

Kind regards,

**Laura Weaver**

Acting Head and SENCo

Knights Templar Community Church School

**Linda Bulpin**

Chair of Governors