

Dear Families,

Prior to the start of the pandemic we had started to look at before and after school provision. Our aim was to look at establishing provision in response to the needs of our families, providing both affordable and sustainable models of childcare.

The pandemic has changed the way in which many of our families now work. Some may now be based permanently at home, some fully in the workplace and for others there may be a more blended approach. Because working patterns have changed, we recognise that childcare needs may have also changed. As a result we are seeking to survey our families in order to see what demand there is for a school based childcare offer.

We would encourage families to complete our survey at the following website:

<https://tinyurl.com/OPAchildcare>

The survey is open until **Friday 18th March**. The survey covers before and after school care as well as childcare for the school holiday periods.

Once we have collated the results, we will determine whether or not we are able to implement a strengthened offer of childcare at the academy. Should we be seeking to establish provision or make any changes to the current school offer we would envisage this taking place in September.

Please do use this opportunity to give your views - any childcare provision will only be developed **if** there is a demand for this and it is financially viable. The information from this survey is therefore essential to us understanding needs.

Yours faithfully,



Thomas Bower  
Head of School