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## Before & After School Provision at Denton

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am pleased to inform you that from September, Denton will be offering wraparound childcare—both before and after school, Monday to Friday, through a new partnership with **PLAY PE**. They will also offer a range of after-school clubs, meaning many of the activities we currently provide will continue, along with exciting new opportunities for children to explore.

### Why the change?

Recently the government advised all schools to work with their local authority to improve access to wraparound childcare. The expectation is that schools will offer this provision on site unless there is a clear reason not to.

Many of you will know that we've been working with a provider for our breakfast club. However, there have been a few challenges this year, including sessions being cancelled due to staff shortages. By working with **PLAY PE**, we aim to offer a more consistent and convenient wraparound service—under one provider—for our families.

### What about existing after-school clubs?

While this change means a shift in how after-school clubs are delivered, **PLAY PE** is dedicated to providing engaging, active, and creative opportunities for children in a nurturing environment. Planned activities include **cooking, art, sports**, and many more based on interest and uptake. Parents will have the option to choose whether their child attends just the after-school club or the full childcare provision.

### What about Dodgeball?

I'm happy to share that **dodgeball will remain part of our extracurricular offer**. We are enthusiastic about keeping Denton involved in competitions. In addition, we're confident that the new provider will also introduce exciting **new experiences** for our children to enjoy who for some, dodgeball might not be their chosen interest.



## What about SAMA karate?

Unfortunately, we will no longer be able to accommodate SAMA, as PLAY PE will require regular use of the hall. I would like to thank SAMA for the excellent service they have provided to the school. I understand they operate at other local venues, so if your child is keen to continue with SAMA, I encourage you to visit their website for more information.

## What happens next?

This will all start from September 2025. Further information on how to register your child for the new before and after school provision including extra-curricular club sign-ups will be shared with you soon.

Intended hours of operation:

Before school provision – 7:30am – 8:30am

After school provision – 3:10pm – 5:30pm\*

*Please note: If your child is attending only the after-school clubs (not the full wraparound care), these will finish at 4:30pm.*

## Finally...

I understand that change can sometimes be challenging, but I am confident this new arrangement will ensure the school meets government guidance, supports our families who need childcare outside regular school hours, and continues to offer popular, well-attended clubs for all interests.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to speak directly with the school.

Best wishes

Matt Doody

Headteacher

