



Merridale Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Childcare at Merridale

In response to some enquiries from our recent parent/carer survey, we have been exploring the option of providing before and after school childcare at Merridale for working parents and carers. We know that there is a lack of childcare options in the local area so we wanted to see if we might be able to support families in this way.

In order to be financially viable and sustainable, we would need at least 10 children to attend before and after school childcare sessions. We received the following responses to indicate that they would be interested in the different options:

- **Breakfast club (before school childcare): 2 children interested**
- **After-school childcare: 11 children interested**

As you can see, we did not have enough interest in before school childcare but we decided to explore the after-school childcare option further to see if this would be possible.

We sent a further survey to the parents/carers who had shown an interest to gauge whether we would have enough children to make this viable. The responses to this survey showed that we would only have **4 children** who would attend a paid after-school childcare session each day. For this reason, we will not be able to offer this option as we do not have enough children to run after school childcare. We will keep this under review – if we receive enough interest in childcare options, we can explore this again in the future. Please let us know if this is something you would be interested in.

Please remember that we do also offer after-school extra-curricular activities for children each term which enables children to stay and take part in activities until 4.15pm. We renew our offer at the start of every term and places are allocated on a first-come, first-served basis. New after-school club letters will be sent out after the Easter holidays and our new club offer will start from the week beginning 9th May for the Summer term.

Yours sincerely

Mrs L Towle
Headteacher