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Dorin Park School and Specialist SEN College

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Update re Short Breaks and Childcare Provision

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to update you on my progress with understanding local Short Breaks / Childcare provision now and in the future, and our response to this.

- I recently visited Clair Johnson at Bridge Community Farm in Ellesmere Port. She is committed to building provision for wrap-around care for SEND children and young people, and we are committed to supporting this. Clair is due to visit Dorin Park after half-term to meet our pupils and see how we provide for varying needs across the age ranges.
- We had planned for the provision of transportation to SPACE on Mondays and LIVE! on Tuesdays for their After-School Club sessions, but have since learned that LIVE! are withdrawing their Tuesday club, so we will go back to the drawing board and see if we can provide an alternative day. If you need to use the Monday transport to SPACE, please contact us through parentcomms@dorinpark.cheshire.sch.uk. This will only be available to families who are unable to use the CWAC Transport service or cannot transport their child in another way.
- I have spoken with the manager of the Endorphins Group, who have been commissioned by CWAC to provide short breaks across Cheshire West and Chester. Although I'm aware from emails parents have sent me that the offer from the Endorphins Group is not the package we had hoped for, we are in discussion with Endorphins about using our School for their Saturday short breaks after Easter.
- I am also in discussions with Endorphins and SPACE about future holiday provision but it is early days for this and I will keep families updated if we manage to make progress.
- I have received emails from parents requesting a restart to our Tuesday After-School Club in light of the withdrawal of the LIVE! Tuesday session. We will reconsider this next half-term to see if this is possible after Easter.

Yours Sincerely,

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