



Grove Road Primary School – Owls Club



Tuesday 9th February

After School Provision at Grove Road

Dear Parents and Carers,

We wrote to you recently to inform you that the after school provision at Grove Road will be changing hands. After Easter, the after school club will no longer be provided by Topkidz, but will be run by Grove Road School. It will be called 'Owls Club' and we are excited to be branching out in this way.

If you already use the after school club, you do not have to do anything at this point. Please be assured that we are working away behind the scenes to ensure a smooth transition from Topkidz to Owls Club. The current children attending will continue, with their allocation of days and fees remaining the same. We will be in touch with parents of the current children again soon to confirm invoicing arrangements from April.

If you currently do not use the after school provision, but think you might like to in the future, we are compiling a waiting list, and have already been approached by a few interested parents. If you are interested in adding your child/ren to the waiting list please speak to our office team who have 'expression of interest' forms ready.

We are looking forward to providing a club which is nurturing and enriching; a safe environment where your child is free to explore, be creative, and have fun. At its centre the club will draw on the Grove Road school values, especially friendship, communication, curiosity, creativity, confidence, and of course a sense of community.

The set-up of the club (in terms of the timings and space used in the Key Stage 2 dining room) will remain unchanged. For the longer term, we are looking at different possibilities such as a breakfast club, which we may well be able to offer within the coming year. Please let us know if this might be of interest.

We will continue to work on what we hope will be a seamless transition to Owls Club. We have included some frequently asked questions and their answers. Should you have any further questions about this, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Yours sincerely

Kate Kellner
Deputy Headteacher

Questions & Answers

Why is there going to be a change in the leadership and management of after school provision at Grove Road? The school have asked to take on the running of after school provision to further enhance the continuity and oversight of provision, allowing us to ensure excellent, flexible, wrap around care that is delivered and monitored by the school to the same standards that are applied during the day. We hope that the provision will attract more families to the school and allow us to maximise our income, enabling us to further invest in the teaching and learning at the school.

Will I still be able to use childcare vouchers? Yes.

Will the club employ the same staff? Those staff who wish to remain have been offered the opportunity to do so. Once we have confirmed the staffing arrangements we will let you know.

Will the children still get collected from the classroom? Yes. The handover at the end of the school day is really important and we will maintain the communication and handover systems already in place.

My child goes to a sports club on some evenings and then goes onto Topkidz, will they still be able to do this? Yes

Will my deposit be transferred? – No. Your deposit will form the fees for the last 4 weeks that Topkidz run provision. Dupe will contact you to confirm these details.

Will the price stay the same? Yes, we have calculated our model based on current prices continuing for the next year. Beyond that we will need to factor in the impact of the changes to the Living Wage rates.

Will the club stay in the same place? Yes, for the time being, although at some point we are hoping to finance a purpose built space.

Will the food and activities be the same? The format and routines will be very similar. The handover and transition next term will be an opportunity to ask the children what is working well and find out what they enjoy.

How do I add my child/ren to the waiting list? You can speak to our office team and they will let you know how to add your child/ren to the waiting list we have set up. We will take children from Reception to Year 6 at Owls Club, as is currently the case.

Will you also offer a breakfast club? We are looking into possibilities such as adding breakfast club within the next year or so. If you would like to express an interest, please speak to our office team.

If I have other questions who should I ask? As we have more information we will share it with you. The team at Topkidz will be happy to help, or you can contact Kate Kellner the Deputy Head by phone or by email.