

# St Dunstan's RC Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers

## **Closure of STAR club**

I am writing to inform you that after consulting for a few months, we have formally ended a consultation process with the Before and After School Club staff, which has resulted in the closure of the service with effect from Friday 26<sup>th</sup> March.

This decision has not been taken lightly, but it is necessary as the club is operating at a substantial financial loss, and the situation of the COVID-19 pandemic has added to the difficulties it has experienced. This is partly due to restrictions and a decrease in numbers. It is important to note that the club has been running at a loss for over a year and this is no longer financially viable for the school to sustain. The school has considered various suggestions and alternatives to try and avoid the closure of the service, however, none of these were viable and these have not addressed the financial shortfall.

I appreciate that this club provides much needed childcare for some of our parents, therefore, I feel it is necessary to give as much notice as possible to those who may need to make alternative childcare arrangements which is why we are providing 8 weeks notice.

Currently, the club is not running due to the national lockdown and school only being open to vulnerable children and children of keyworkers. Whenever the school does reopen to the whole community, there will be no STAR club provision when we return after the Easter holidays.

I appreciate that this is a difficult time for the affected staff too and I want to reassure you that the school are offering them support throughout this process.

Yours sincerely

Mrs G Eccles  
Headteacher