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We choose courage  
over comfort because  
we know that 'the Lord  
our God is with us'  
(Joshua 1:9).

Dear Parents and Carers,

## **After school provision**

I am writing in response to the recent announcement regarding the closure of the Ashfield Playcare Scheme. We recognise that this development will have a significant impact on many families within our community; it has come as a shock to us at St Mary's as well. At St Mary's, we have never needed to explore wrap-around care as our families were well supported by the Ashfield Playcare Scheme. We too, are saddened to hear the news that the provision is ceasing in May.

The school will be investigating the feasibility of offering wrap-around care to support our families. This process will involve detailed consideration of staffing, premises, safeguarding requirements, insurance, and financial viability, among other practical implications. In order to ensure any proposals are robust and appropriate, we will undertake a consultation with parents and governors to gather views and to inform decision-making.

Please be aware that this is not something that can be implemented immediately. We will keep families informed of progress and of any opportunities to contribute to the consultation as they arise.

Yours sincerely,

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Sarah Pearson

Headteacher