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Dear Parents,

Please find below information on **Early Birds** and **Young Harts**. These are the only clubs we are running at the moment (we will review the situation at the end of October) as we know that some of our working parents rely on these to get to work on time and then back to school to pick up their children.

EARLY BIRDS (P1-7 children)



As children from different discreet bubbles – i.e. classes – will have to be in the same room together, it is **essential** that we keep our numbers **as low as possible**. Therefore, Early Birds will **ONLY** be for children of **working parents** for whom the 8.25am drop-off time is not early enough. There will be **one drop-off time** only for Early Birds and that is **8am at the Surestart entrance** (top of Junior playground).

To register for Early Birds:

- **Email me** (jshipley527@c2kni.net) – in the strictest confidence – as to your work pattern and why you require your child to attend Early Birds
- If possible, indicate *which days* each week he/she will be attending
- Some of you have already done this so there is no need to do it again; I have kept a record of your child's name
- I will send home a **registration form** with your child on his/her Induction Day. Complete this and return in an envelope addressed to me on 1 September
- **Payment** will be **online using the SchoolMoney system**. The cost is **£1 / day**. You must register and pay for one week at a time. This will allow you to adjust the days you have registered for on the paper form, if your work pattern changes

Please do not turn up for Early Birds without registering with me by email. If too many parents are looking to use Early Birds, we will not be able to run it at all as we cannot pick and choose who attends, so please **DO only register if absolutely necessary**. Thank you. 😊

EARLY CHICKS (Nursery)



From **Monday 21 September**, parents may avail of Early Chicks for **Nursery children** if they require early drop off due to your **work commitments**. Drop off for Early Chicks will be any time **between 8am and 8.30am**. Registration, cost and payment is exactly the same as for Early Birds (above). Entrance will be at the **Nursery side gate** in the Junior playground. Play during Early Chicks sessions will be predominantly **outside** and, in inclement weather, under the canopy at the back of NM. Please make sure your child is **warmly dressed for outdoor play**.

YOUNG HARTS



Young Harts is for **P1, P2 and P3 children** (Thursday & Friday only for P3) who have an **older sibling** with a different pick up time. There are 72 children who fall into this category and, as much as we would like to offer this service to all, we can't!! As for Early Birds, please **ONLY** register for Young Harts if work commitments mean you cannot collect your child at his/her allocated time and are unable to have him/her collected by someone else. Registration, cost and payment is as per Early Birds. Again, our ability to offer this club is dependent on keeping numbers low so children from different 'bubbles' can socially distance.

Yours faithfully

J Shipley
Principal

For all three clubs: payment and day selection through SchoolMoney by Friday of the week before.