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Dear Parents and Carers

Re: TeamMates update

Following on from previous communications, I write to update you in regard to the proposed ending of the TeamMates squad sessions at the end of this term.

As previously stated, due to the financial challenges we are now facing we are no longer able to fund these sessions through our Sport Premium Fund or school budget and have had to look at alternative ways to continue to offer these sporting opportunities for our pupils.

Having considered a range of possible options, we are pleased to confirm that TeamMates are able to continue to be part of our offer for the children.

From the summer term onwards, we intend to replace the current system of selection trials and squad sessions with a wider club offer- offering access to a range of before-school club opportunities to all Y6 pupils (and in some cases Y5 children also). The clubs will not have any element of pre-selection, with all children being welcome to join and access high-quality coaching input from the TeamMates team in a range of sports (football, netball, tag rugby, cricket). These club sessions will focus on active participation whilst also providing opportunities to represent the school.

In line with other staff run/ school based extra-curricular opportunities at HHJS, we will have to charge for these club sessions at a cost of £5 per session.

We are mindful of the potential impact of introducing a charge for these sessions but sadly do not have a feasible alternative to this. We do have other grants available that can support individual families with these costs and are happy to discuss this as required.

TeamMates will continue to organise matches and tournaments for us and will prepare and support the children at these. We are aware that this requires a lot of communication and logistical input from them and are grateful for all their work towards this. The costs for these matches and tournaments will be fully covered by our Sport Premium Fund.

In order for these clubs to run, we will require a certain number of pupils to attend so that we are able to cover costs. Further details of the dates and timings and how to sign up for the summer term will follow.

We have had queries as to whether Child Care vouchers could be used to pay for these sessions- further details in regard to this will also follow.

We understand the parental concerns that have been raised in regard to the continued role of TeamMates at HHJS and hope this communication clarifies how we intend to proceed.

We are also aware of parental offers of financial and fundraising support, to help ensure that extra-curricular sporting opportunities remain sustainable and in place for the longer term. This is greatly appreciated and could potentially be directed towards specific projects such as the funding of new kit for the children to wear when they represent the school. This is something that we would be very happy to consider further.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Best Wishes

Alan Went Head teacher

