



ABC-XYZ Childcare Ltd

19th October 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

It is with much sadness that we need to notify you that ABC-XYZ Childcare Ltd will no longer provide wrap-around childcare at Aboyne Lodge School from January 2022. We have been given notice by the Head that the school will take over provision of before & after school care from that date.

ABC Breakfast Club opened in January 2006; Since then we have worked hard to provide excellent childcare, both before and after school, for the families at Aboyne Lodge school. Rated Outstanding by OFSTED in 2015/16, we are very proud to say we have not missed a single day that the school has been open in all the 16 years!

We are, and always have been, incredibly proud of all our staff. Claire and I would like to thank them for all their commitment and service, particularly throughout the challenging times of the last few years, whilst maintaining the highest level of childcare. We are sure you will join us to offer huge thanks to all the staff for their loyal service during the pandemic when they had to adapt every aspect of their working practise and environment, and did so without any hesitation, to the highest standards to ensure a safe place for the children to attend breakfast & after school clubs including opening places to keyworker children during the lockdowns.

Unfortunately, due to the critical financial situation of the school, it has been decided by the new Head teacher Mr Smithard, and Governors, to bring the service in house. Our staff have been offered the option to transfer across under the TUPE scheme, which will provide some consistency for your children, but Claire and I will obviously no longer be involved.

Please note that the decision taken by Aboyne Lodge to bring the service in-house is no reflection on the quality of service ABC-XYZ offers, but is purely a financial decision on the part of School.

You will receive your ABC-XYZ invoice for the final half term this week. This will include a refund of any deposit we hold. If you can please ensure it is paid in full by the due date, it would be much appreciated. **Our final session will be ABC Breakfast Club on Friday 17th December 2021.**

If you currently make any payments using childcare vouchers, please contact your voucher provider to ensure ALL payments to ABC- XYZ will cease as of the 17th December 2021.

The school does not expect the service to change once they take over, and we expect they will provide information in due course on how to book your places for January, They have agreed to offer a priority booking window for current members, and as soon as we have any information regarding this we will pass it on to you. However we kindly ask that if you have any questions or queries regarding the service going forward, these be directed to the school office.

Please note that our service will continue at Alban City and Bernards Heath Junior schools and it is only the Aboyne Lodge setting which is affected.

So it is with a heavy heart that we need to share this decision, and say thank you to all our families who over the years have been so supportive.

Kind regards,

Sarah & Claire

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