



Dear Parents and Carers,

Many of our families use Kool Kidz, our wrap around care so I wanted to share with you a little of what we do. Kool Kidz is open to all children who attend our school or the junior school. It can be used for as many days as suit you. Short notice, emergency care can be provided but unfortunately because food is ordered in advance parents/carers would need to provide a packed lunch on these occasions.

<u>Timings</u> -Kool Kidz is open from 7.30 in the morning and closes at 18.00 in the evening. We provide breakfast and an evening meal.

Staffing- Mrs Sarah Merrin, who many of you know is temporarily replacing Mrs Sam Pharoah until we appoint a new lead. Mrs Jill Dixon, who is one of our mid-day supervisors, Mrs Jo Boyes, a mid-day at the juniors and Mrs Jo Sykes-Ellis, who is also a mid-day at the juniors, make up the rest of our team. Unfortunately, Mrs Sykes-Ellis will be leaving us at the end of the month to complete her Teaching Assistant training but we are fortunate to have existing staff who can cover any gaps in staffing. Our staff know the children really well and pride themselves on the relationships they have with them.

Booking- places are booked and paid for in advance using our schoolsbuddy app. If you are new to Kool Kidz you will need to contact us on koolkidz@rmischool.co.uk to set up your log in on the app. Food choices will soon be able to be made on the app too. Food is provided by our catering partner, Aspens, who also provide our school lunches. At the moment we are offering a packed lunch type meal with fruit and vegetable. Breakfast is a choice of cereal, toast and porridge. As food is pre-ordered by Aspens you will need to ensure you have booked your child's place by 10am on a Friday to guarantee the packed lunch the following week.

<u>Activities</u>- staff plan fun activities with the children and liaise with class teachers to look at ways to support and link into the learning in class. We are well resourced and have a variety of toys and games to cater for all ages. We make use of the large school grounds we have. We are exploring ways to extend what we offer after school and to provide some exciting additional activities.

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We have Mr Bourne on a Tuesday who runs the sports club and we are hoping to employ a Forest School teacher to set up Forest School on another evening. We have started to hold seasonal parties, for example our Pumpkin Party proved extremely popular.

If you have any questions or comments about how we could improve Kool Kidz then please do come and see me.

Many thanks, Mrs Adams and the Kool Kidz team