

# FREEGROUNDS JUNIOR SCHOOL



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Dear Parents/Carers,

Following a period of review by the Governors and Headteachers at Freegrounds Infant and Junior Schools, we are pleased to announce that we will be taking over the running of the 'Out of School' provision for pupils from both schools from September 2016.

Recent communications from the government have made it clear that they believe that schools are best placed to provide this service for their pupils.

*To help working parents access the childcare they need when they need it, the government wants schools to play a larger role in the childcare market.*

From 'DfE Wraparound and holiday childcare – parents and childcare provider 'rights to request'  
Dec 2015

During this term we have been looking at how we can best provide high quality cost effective provision for parents, pupils and the schools. We have been to visit schools who currently provide this service and we have sought advice from Hampshire County Council through discussion with their Childcare Development Co-ordinator.

We do hope that parents will support us as we take on the management of this provision which we do intend to be a high quality, cost effective service. Any additional money raised through this provision will be re-invested back into the schools for the benefit of our pupils. More details will be coming to parents in the first week back after the Easter break, with details of how to enrol your child, voucher information and key policies and practices. Just to reassure parents, we anticipate that in September the 'before school' and 'after school' provision will run along broadly the same timings as now and at the same cost to parents/carers.

We are extremely grateful to our current provider 'Hedgehogs' for the valuable service that they have given to parents and the schools over the last eight years and I am sure that parents would wish to join with us in thanking them for the service that they have provided. The Hedgehogs provision will finish at the end of the summer term.

As always, please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions. We will always endeavour to do our best to answer them.

Yours sincerely,

**Mrs Deborah Johnson**  
Headteacher  
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