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Dear Parents

Following my letter in September, I am writing to give more information about our extra-curricular clubs for the Spring Term.

In line with many other schools in the Xavier Catholic Education Trust, we will be charging for all after-school extra-curricular clubs run by school staff from January 2018. The proceeds will help to fund the replacement of school equipment and support additional projects for the children.

For school-run clubs which take place after school there will be a charge of £25 per term. This applies to the following clubs:

Irish Club, Environmental/Forest Schools, Cooking, Years 5+6 Football, Fun with Fabric, Computing, Netball and Hockey (replacing Suburban Hockey).

The clubs will need to be booked and paid for online only. At the beginning of next term letters will be sent home with information about each club and instructions about how to apply and pay using your Tucasi/Scopay account. All school-run clubs will start the week of 15 January.

For school-run clubs which take place before school or during school hours, there will be no charge for the Spring Term. This applies to:

Book Club, Art Club, Choir, Recorders, Fun Maths, Cross Country, Orchestra, Come and Make Club and Top of the Form.

Clubs run by outside providers will continue to run as before.

As expressed in September, we remain utterly committed to enabling every child to participate in a wide range of extra-curricular activities. There are some families in school who are identified by the government as "Pupil Premium" and we are contacting those families directly. We recognise that the government definition of need sometimes misses families with specific circumstances and as a Catholic school, it is particularly important to us to support every family in need and not only those for whom we receive government support. If you have concerns about paying for a club please speak to myself or to Mr Flower. If you have a problem with your Tucasi/Scopay account, please contact the school office.

Thank you to the many families who have expressed understanding and support for this initiative in a time of shrinking school budgets.

Catherine Burnham
Headteacher