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Dear Parents and Carers,

To support the personal development of some of our children who have specific, identified needs and to make effective use of external professionals, we will be working with providers such as Outdoor Adventurers, 360, and Know Wander art club to deliver Internal Alternative Provisions (IAPs).

Each IAP will focus on a specific area of development each half term and will follow specific, set criteria for identifying need. Class teachers will nominate children who may benefit from these short-term provisions in order to support their particular and specific needs. If your child is selected, you will receive a consent request via Arbor.

We have currently scheduled the following IAPs:

Outdoor Adventurers (Forest School)

The Outdoor Adventurers IAP will continue to run on Tuesdays from 1:00–3:00pm. However, the criteria for selection will differ from previous years. Each half term will focus on a specific area of need. For example, in Autumn 1, the focus is on developing gross and fine motor skills. Children will be identified by staff, and after the six-week programme, they will return to class with improved skills in the targeted area.

360 (Learning Through Sport)

This term, we are trialling the 360 IAP, with group sessions running on Mondays, Wednesdays, or Thursdays from 1:00–3:00pm. The focus for all groups this half term is Collaboration and Teamwork. Through sport, children will develop their social and communication skills, which we hope will positively impact their personal development and academic progress.

If your child is selected for one of these provisions during the year, you will receive a consent form via Arbor.

Thank you for your continued support.

Warm regards,

Sophie Leftwich
SENCo & Senior Mental Health Lead

