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## St James' Church of England Junior School

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*"With exploring minds, and faith; we grow and learn together."*

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Dear Parents/Carers,

### **EBASC Activities**

As we start our 3<sup>rd</sup> full week of schooling, I felt it useful to share our reflections of how school is coping with the new safety measures. Children have been fantastic in getting into this routine of sanitising their hands regularly and developing healthy respiratory hygiene. The learning experience in classrooms is also looking and sounding pretty close to normal as teachers find the best ways to support children at social distance.

However, one noticeable difference is the amount of extra-curricular provision we are offering. Our weekly newsletter is often full of news of children's successes in a whole array of extra clubs and competitions including; Zumba, Opera, drama, football, adventure and running club to name a few. At St James' we recognise the benefit in confidence, sense of belonging and mental health that can come from attending such clubs. However we also acknowledge the worrying headlines in the news, so still want to ensure that we take small tentative steps towards offering extra-curricular clubs. With that in mind, we have looked at the safe reopening of our breakfast and after school club (EBASC) and would like to use this to facility to trial some extra-curricular activities. The sessions will be run by our EBASC staff and we can therefore confidently ensure children are safe and will be guided in the same way as EBASC, with bubbles being kept separate with regular handwashing. Below are the sessions EBASC will be offering initially:

- Mondays – Yoga Club
- Tuesdays – Circuits and Gym Equipment
- Wednesdays – Crafts
- Thursdays – Football
- Fridays – Movie Night



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Children will also receive a drink and an afternoon snack and will have access to the use of the school iPads if they want to do any practicing on Times Tables Rockstars and Spelling Shed, as well as being able to read books from their Bubble library.

Attendance of EBASC clubs during these activities will be at the normal rate. To book a place in either breakfast or after school club please ring the office on 01946 695311. Alternatively if you would like to speak to anyone from our EBASC team about the current provision, please email your details to [admin@stjamesjun.cumbria.sch.uk](mailto:admin@stjamesjun.cumbria.sch.uk) for the attention of Mrs Thomas.

Best Regards



Mr A Beattie  
Head teacher

