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Multi Skills at Rednock School Friday 5th June 2026

Dear Year 2 parents

Further to my communication last Thursday, I would like to thank Alex Sysum for coming to speak to me on Friday morning. We were able to have an open and honest conversation acknowledging the frustrations from parents' perspective and equally from the schools whilst looking for a way forward, not just for this opportunity, but for all future opportunities. As a school we work hard to provide as many opportunities as possible that we can for our children, with that comes additional workload for staff, who plan these opportunities willingly and would never want to see any child missing out. We can only respond to information that we have – if parents are finding things difficult, they need to speak to us. We have many ways of supporting parents, but we can only do so if we know that our help is needed.

Many parents have offered to pay for the short fall, providing the full costs are covered, we will reinstate the coach to take the children to this event.

Moving forwards, the current level of chasing parents for a response by the Admin Team is not reasonable or sustainable – it is impacting on the smooth running of the school. We will consider what is a reasonable level of communication around future events that require a response and payment from parents. This will be discussed at the next Parent Forum and agreed so that moving forwards, none of us will be in this situation again.

Once again, I would like to thank Mrs Sysum for working with us to resolve a tricky situation and supporting reasonable solutions.

Best wishes
Clare Howells

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