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Date: 21st October 2024 iCan2 Sports and Leisure

Dear Parent,

This is a letter to update you about changes to the current Sports & Leisure offer for children aged 5 to 17.

A new provider has been commissioned to provide the Sports & Leisure club. The new provider – Genius Tuition! – is an experienced provider, already working with our Southall and Queensway schools to provide holiday clubs.

We are also pleased to let you know that Southall school will be the new venue for the Sports & Leisure club. We feel that exclusive use of the Sports Hall and outdoor areas will provide a safe and enjoyable environment for the children and young people, as well as ensuring safety around access and parking. The toileting facilities will be updated to include a changing bed and hoist.

The programme is promising to be varied, supported by qualified sports coaches and care assistants, offering indoor and outdoor sports, games, quiet arts table, as well as a child led play approach.

Following on from parents' views that the existing 2 hours is not long enough, we have also increased this to be one 3 hour session each Saturday morning - children are able to leave the club early on arrangement. There are up to 30 places per session available.

As this club is subsidised by the Local Authority, the cost to you for a 3 hour session is £5 per child.

This means that the Sports & Leisure club at Arthog will end for children and young people up to 18 years old. Adult Social Care will be engaging with Young People (aged over 18) and their parent/carers accessing My Options Sports and Leisure to discuss what the future provision may look like. Until that engagement has been completed, My Options will continue to provide a Sports & Leisure session for 18 to 25 year olds as an Adult Social Care offer.

We understand that change can be unsettling for our children and young people. My Options will work in partnership to ease transition to the new sessions with Genius Tuition that will start in January after the Christmas break.

We are confident that the new provider has the capability and ambition to ensure that they offer engaging and safe experiences for our children and young people to enjoy. They will seek your feedback to ensure that they are able to respond to improvement opportunities.

The ICAN2 Sports & Leisure Club is only available to ICAN2 members.

To apply to be an ICAN2 member, you can <u>download an application form</u> to return to <u>shortbreaks@telford.gov.uk</u> or ask your allocated worker. The ICAN2 membership application must be completed and if accepted as eligible, you will be contacted, and your child will be entered onto the membership list in order to take part in any targeted activities or access the activity passes. You will be issued with an ICAN2 membership card

Yours sincerely,

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