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## 'Use it or Lose it'

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope this letter finds you and your families well. As the Governing Body of Darnhall Primary School, our role is to support the school in ensuring the best possible outcomes for all of our children, both in and out of the classroom.

With this in mind, we would like to share some concerns regarding the low uptake of the free school holiday activities that have been offered to pupils over recent breaks. These activities - funded through government and local council initiatives - are designed not only to provide safe, engaging, and enriching experiences for children during the holidays, but to also support families with access to free meals and childcare during these periods.

Sadly, we have seen a significant number of places go unfilled or children were not brought to activities booked. This is especially worrying as many of our children could benefit greatly from the physical, social, and emotional advantages that these programmes offer. Our ability to access the grant funding to deliver these activities is based on previous years up take of places. Unused spaces can affect the continuation of such schemes in the future - potentially putting this valuable support at risk for everyone.

We are now at the stage of simply '**Use it or Lose it**'.

We fully understand that there may be a range of reasons for this low uptake—timing, transport, awareness, or other personal circumstances. Any feedback would be gratefully received and help the school plan.

Together, we can ensure our children access every opportunity available to thrive, even outside the classroom.

Thank you for your continued support.

With Best Wishes,

The Governing Body of Darnhall Primary School

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