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Dear Parents and Carers

Re: Children attending clubs outside school

We recognise that your child's engagement with extra-curricular activities and clubs has never been more important, particularly given the opportunities they missed as a result of the pandemic. We all know how much enjoyment they get from being involved with sporting activities and the physical and mental health benefits they provide. However, to maximise this enjoyment their safety and care when taking part must be considered and paramount.

When deciding on the right club for your child, please ensure that you check that the club is affiliated to a national body, for example the British Gymnastics Association. Affiliation to a national body provides assurance that those delivering the activity meet the professional standards and follow the safeguarding expectations of the national body, hence providing the level of protection you and we would want for your child. Also check if the club has any accreditations. This can either be Clubmark accreditation from Sport England or an accreditation from the sport's national governing body or from Active Surrey. The achievement of this accreditation means the club meets minimum operating standards for a safe and effective sports environment.

Yours sincerely

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