

Friends Together



Out of School Club

Arrivals and Departures

Our Club will give a warm and friendly welcome to each child on arrival and ensure that they depart safely at the end of each session.

Admissions:

It is the responsibility of the Manager to ensure that an accurate record is kept of all children in the Club and that any arrival or departure to and from the premises is recorded in the register. The register will be kept in an accessible location on the premises at all times (for exemptions to this rule, see the Visits and Outings policy). This process will be supplemented by regular head counts during the session.

Records of daily registers should be kept by the Club for at least one year.

Arrivals:

All children must be signed in to Breakfast Club by their parent/carer.

On arrival, a member of staff will immediately record the child's attendance in the daily register, including the time of the registration.

If the parent/carer wants their child to be given medicine during the session by a member of staff, they must complete and sign the Administering Medication Form. Further details of this procedure are contained in the Club's Health, Illness and Emergency policy.

Departures:

All children must be signed out of After School Club by their parent/carer.

If the child is to be collected by someone other than the parent/carer, this must be indicated to a member of staff and recorded at the start of the session. The adult nominated to collect a child must be one of those names on the Admissions Form. Only adults aged 16 years and over and with suitable identification, will be authorised to collect children.

Permission and arrangements for children leaving the Club alone at the end of a session will be a matter for discussion between the Manager and parents/carers, based on an understanding of a child's age, maturity and previous experience. Written consent for children leaving the Club alone must be submitted to the Club before such arrangements are able to commence. No child under the age of 8 will be allowed to leave the Club unaccompanied.

No adult other than those named on the Admissions Form will be allowed to leave the Club with a child. In the event that someone else should arrive without prior knowledge, the Club will telephone the parent/carer immediately.

If the parent/carer or alternative nominated adult is going to be late to collect their child, staff must be informed of this on arrival. If the designated adult is late in picking up their child without prior warning, the provisions of the Uncollected Children policy will be activated.

Upon departure, the register will be marked to show that the child has left the premises. The time of departure will also be recorded.

Absences

If a child is going to be absent from a session, parents must indicate this to the Club in advance.

If a child is absent without explanation for more than three days concurrently, staff will contact the parents/carers to try to ascertain the reasons behind this.

Regular absences from the Club could be an early sign and/or symptom that a child or family may be encountering some difficulties and might need support from the relevant statutory agencies. The Club and its staff will always try to discover the causes of prolonged and unexplained absences.

Escorting children between school and the club

Where children are escorted between school premises and the Club, the following procedures will be carried out:

- The Manager will ensure that a thorough risk assessment is carried out and regularly reviewed, according to the provisions of the Risk Assessment policy. A contact within the school will be identified, with whom the Manager will liaise.
- A clear agreement will be reached between the Club and the school about when responsibility for children's safety is officially transferred.
- The Manager will ensure that an identical register of all children who require escorting between locations is kept by both the school and the Club and updated daily.

- A regular meeting place for children will be established within both the school and the Club. If the meeting place is complex, children under 8 should be directly escorted to and from classrooms and the Club's premises.
- There will always be two staff members accompanying any such group including a member of staff at the front and the rear.
- Staff will ensure that children are given instructions on road safety.
- If a child is absent from the Club without prior warning, staff will check to see if they attended school that day – they will not simply accept the word of other children. If the whereabouts of the child is not clear, staff will immediately inform the designated contact at the school and the parents/carers.