

14.7.20

Important information about Explorers before and after school club

Dear parents and carers,

I would like to take this opportunity to talk to you all about our Explorers Club and how it will work in September.

The guidance from the Government states:

Schools should consider resuming any breakfast and after-school provision, where possible, from the start of the autumn term. We recognise that schools may need to respond flexibly and build this up over time. Such provision will help ensure pupils have opportunities to re-engage with their peers and with the school, ensure vulnerable children have a healthy breakfast and are ready to focus on their lessons, provide enrichment activities, and also support working parents.

We recognise that this will be logistically challenging for schools, particularly for clubs that would normally offer support across year groups, where parents are using multiple providers, or where childminders are picking up/dropping off pupils. Schools should carefully consider how they can make such provision work alongside their wider protective measures, including keeping children within their year groups or bubbles where possible. If it is not possible to maintain bubbles being used during the school day then schools should use small, consistent groups.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/actions-for-schools-during-the-coronavirus-outbreak/guidance-for-full-opening-schools#section-2-school-operations>

With this in mind we are opening the provision but we will be changing the way that it will run because unfortunately we do not have the staffing capacity to offer discreet year group bubble provision within club.

Thank you for the people who have expressed an interest in accessing this provision and this has been used to help us make the decision about opening Explorers at all. If you expressed an interest, **you still need to follow the process of requesting a place.**

Please read the following information carefully and then make your decision about whether firstly you have no other childcare option or flexibility and secondly if you are happy for your child to access Explorers with the following things in place.

Explorers provision September to October 2020

- There will be a strict fixed 20 places available in the mornings and 20 after school
- Places will be allocated on a first come first served basis – **Strict deadline for place applications is Friday 17.7.20 at 10am** – We will contact you from 12:00noon on the 17.7.20 to confirm if you have been allocated a place or not. We will also send out information about entrances and exits and drop-off protocol
- Priority will be given to children who are classed as vulnerable (access children's social care and have a designated social worker) and children who have an SEND EHCP. **Priority is no longer being given to key workers.**

- Explorers timings will be shorter. Breakfast club will open at 8am until your child's start time. Afterschool club will be from your child's finish time until 5:00pm – this is to allow for cleaning to take place. **Please note all children must be dropped off at 8am due to limitations with staffing.**
- For late collections (after 5.00pm) there will be an initial fine of £5 and then after 5:15am the charge will be a further £2 for every additional minute as cleaning will need to start.
- Costing for Explorers will remain at £4:50 for a morning session and £9:00 for an afterschool session
- A small breakfast will be provided for the children and a light packed up (sandwiches, wraps etc.) will be provided after school. There will be no hot meal.
- Activities will be desk based and individual such as colouring, ipads, individual lego etc. The activities might not be appropriate for very young children as the children will remain seated. Social distance rules will be followed.
- Parents and carers can still choose which days they wish their child to attend however they must stick to these days and there will not be any emergency child care provided for families and there cannot be extra days added
- There will be no cancellation fee
- Parents and carers must specify times for drop of and/or collection so that if there is a possibility for early closure and cleaning can start earlier then this can happen.
- Explorers staff will also be taking part in a cleaning rota and there may be some equipment that cannot be used during this time
- Parents should consider limiting the number of extracurricular activities away from school as the government guidance states:

Schools are advising parents to limit the number of different wraparound providers they access, as far as possible. Where parents use childcare providers or out of school activities for their children, schools should encourage them to seek assurance that the providers are carefully considering their own protective measures, and only use those providers that can demonstrate this.

- School will not be offering any extracurricular clubs until at least after October half term
- Explorers provision will be reviewed the week October half term and parents will be informed of the changes if any

I do appreciate that this is not ideal and this NOT how I like to run the wrap around care at school but during this time. I also understand the pressure that working parents are under regarding child care. However, I have to adhere to the guidelines and put in extra constraints to keep the children and the staff safe during these strange times.

I appreciate your patience and understanding and hope that we can move Explorers forward to ensure that there is a provision of safe child care in school for as many families as possible.

Attached to this letter is the allocation form please let me make the deadline clear once again to you as being **Friday 17.7.20 at 10am and places are strictly first come first served.**

Thank you

Mrs Jones

Explorers Requirement Form

September to October half-term

Child's name:

Child's year group (in September):

Parent and/ or carer's name: _____ *As a parent and/or carer, I have read, understand and agree to the parameters of Explorers club during the first half term*

Date	Morning 8.00am fixed drop-off time (please tick)	After school Please tick	Please specify if you need to collect your child before 5pm
EXAMPLE	(tick)	(tick)	4.30pm
M – 7.9.20			
T – 8.9.20			
W – 9.9.20			
T- 10.9.20			
F – 11.9.20			



Date	Morning 8.00am fixed drop-off time (please tick)	After school Please tick	Please specify the time if you need to collect your child before 5pm
M – 14.9.20			
T – 15.9.20			
W – 16.9.20			
Th- 17..9.20			
F – 18.9.20			
M – 21.9.20			
T – 22.9.20			
W – 23.9.20			
Th – 24.9.20			
F – 25.9.20			



Date	Morning 8.00am fixed drop-off time (please tick)	After school Please tick	Please specify the time if you need to collect your child before 5pm
M – 28.9.20			
T – 29.9.20			
W – 30.9.20			
Th – 1.10.20			
F – 2.10.20			
M – 5.10.20			
T – 6.10.20			
W – 7.10.20			
Th – 8.10.20			
F – 9.10.20			



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M – 12.10.20			
T -13.10.20			
W – 14.10.20			
Th – 15.10.20			
F – 16.10.20			
M – 19.10.20			
T – 20 .10.20			
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