

Blanford Mere Nursery & Primary School



Information Pack for Blanford Mere Childcare Clubs After School Club



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Welcome

As a family new to using Out of School Care at Blanford Mere, we would like to extend a warm welcome to you. We hope that this will be the start of a long and supportive partnership, based on trust between parent(s)/carer(s), their children and the childcare team.

We aim to provide high quality seamless before and after school care for children attending Blanford Mere Primary School. We hope to enable our parents to obtain and sustain employment or training knowing that their children are well cared for at school.

We aim to provide clear information about the club, including:

- Who is responsible
- How you can contact the club
- What you can expect from the club
- What the club expects from you
- Some essential pieces of club policy which you will need to know about from the outset
- Where to find out more detailed information.

All out of school care has to follow the Statutory Framework for the Early Years and Foundation Stage (Sept 2014)

Relationship with the School

Blanford Mere Childcare is run as a "Governor Led" initiative. This means that the Governing Body is responsible for the policies and direction of the Childcare provision. However, all out of school childcare, is run and funded separately from the school. The school's delegated budget is not used to support Breakfast and After School Clubs - these need to be self-sustaining and run on a business footing.

Management and Running of the Clubs

The clubs are run by paid staff headed by a Club Manager, Miss Foxall, who supervises the staff team. The staff team is responsible for the programming and running of activities, and for ensuring that the policies and procedures are put into practice.

The club manager is supervised by and accountable to the Governors. The Governors are responsible for decision making about the overall running of the club including financial management, review and monitoring of policies and procedures, staff recruitment and development, and ensuring that the National Standards are being met.

Summary of Policies and Procedures

Admissions Policy

Our admissions policy is broadly based on a first-come first-served basis, and places are allocated in order of the waiting list. We may also consider priority being given to those requiring 5 days a week. Unfortunately, it is not possible to hold places.

Charging Policy (Fees and club rules)

Fees must be paid 4 weekly in advance and the payment sheet fully completed to indicate sessions as per your contract. Many parents prefer to pay half a term in advance and we are happy for you to do so. If you have booked a place for your child to come on a particular day then payment will be charged whether or not he/she attends, as the costs for supervision are the same whether or not your child attends. In the case of emergencies, fees should be paid on the day when the child is collected from After School Club.

School will send you a payment form in preparation for each 4 week payment period. This will be sent to parents via the School Life app and must be completed and returned by the payment deadline.

This is a non-profit making venture to assist parents with childcare. Chasing up late payments is extremely time consuming and we have neither the capacity nor the time to continually remind parents who do not pay on time. All of our childcare staff are an important part of supervising children and are part of maintaining adequate ratios. Therefore, we reserve the right to withdraw places if payment is not made in advance as requested above. Payment can be made in cash or by cheque, payable to **Dudley MBC**. Some parents use Childcare Vouchers through their employers and these are accepted by both of our childcare clubs.

Please be aware that after school club fees still need to be paid if you choose for your child to attend an extra-curricular club i.e. Multi skills, Football, Gym etc.

If you require a place on a different or additional day either as a "one-off" or on a regular basis then please contact us to enquire about availability. As After School club is frequently running at full capacity, it may not always be possible to accommodate your child on additional days. Children should not just turn up unexpectedly as there may not be a place for them. Should you wish to cancel your child's place at After School Club, this must be done in writing, giving **one month's** notice.

Medication Policy

Our current policy on medication is the same as that in the school prospectus. It is the Governor's policy that school staff should not administer any medication (i.e. Calpol, cough medicines, antibiotics - prescribed 3 times a day, etc.). However,

lifesaving medication prescribed by a doctor will be given (asthma inhalers, epi-pens etc.) as part of the school's commitment to equal opportunities. This also applies where antibiotics are prescribed 4 times a day. In order for school to administer medication to your child, parents must complete the consent forms (Form 1 and 2 which can be found on the school website - After School Club section of the website) as well as providing medication in the original container as prescribed by the child's doctor.

Behaviour Policy

At Blanford Mere we believe in promoting positive behaviour. We actively encourage children to show respect and consideration towards each other, the staff and the club equipment. Both childcare clubs follow the school's behaviour policy.

- If a child behaves in a negative or uncooperative way, staff will discuss this with the child. If their behaviour does not improve, they will be given 'time out' (asked to sit down away from the other children). This will be recorded in the behaviour log.
- If there are three entries on the behaviour log, then parents will be informed
- A behaviour report may be used to monitor the child and encourage them to improve.
- If staff feel the child needs 'time out' in another room, they will be taken to Mrs Miller's office until their parent/carer arrives. This could result in the child being excluded from Blanford Mere Childcare.

Child Protection / Safeguarding Policy

The welfare of children within the care of Blanford Mere Childcare is of great importance for staff. Positive steps will be taken to develop a trusting relationship with every child, parent and carer. We have a duty of care to report incidents of concern to Children Services, who will decide whether to investigate. Both childcare clubs follow the schools child protection / safeguarding policy which is on the school's website. There is a paper copy on the parent's notice board in the childcare club. All staff who come into contact with children have an up to date Disclosure Barring Service check.

Equal Opportunities

Our aim at Blanford Mere Childcare Clubs is to ensure that children have access to relevant and appropriate provision/activities and that their involvement and social opportunities are equal.

The Club, which is fully inclusive, takes account of the needs and differing values of children within the context of their gender, ethnicity, ability and social and economic backgrounds, and aims to equalise opportunity for all in terms of access and engagement in the club.

Club Agreement

This agreement between Blanford Mere Childcare Clubs and parents/carers will clarify what we as a club expect from you, and what you can expect from the club.

The club aims to provide

- A variety of activities.
- A healthy snack including a drink.
- A safe, caring and stimulating environment for all the children to play and learn in both structured and unstructured play settings.
- High quality before and after school sessions
- A high standard of qualified and experienced staff and volunteers
- A commitment to equal opportunities
- A secure environment
- A safe transfer to/from school to out of school clubs.
- Safe recreational equipment

The Club expects Parents/carers:

- To complete a parent contract, along with personal and medical details, and consent forms.
- To accept the Blanford Mere Childcare rules and behaviour policy.
- To collect your child by 6.00 p.m., otherwise you will be charged a fee of £5.00 to cover staff costs. If this situation arises more than 3 times in one term, your child's place at Blanford Mere Childcare may be forfeited.
- If you have booked for your child to attend the shorter session (collected by 4:30pm) - please make sure you do collect your child by 4:30pm - late collections will be charged at the late session rate (an additional £4.25).
- To be aware that there is no access to any belongings in your child/ren's classroom after 3.15pm.
- To ensure that staff are aware of your child's collection / departure.
- To make the club aware of any special requirements your children may have.
- **To park in a considerate manner with regard to local residents and the safety of pedestrians and other road users. Please do not block driveways or park on grass verges.**
- To inform the club of any changes in the details given on forms completed such as emergency contacts and persons authorised to collect your child/ren.
- Not to allow access to any other adults when entering or leaving the building.
- To pay fees in advance, otherwise places may be forfeited.
- To make any cheques payable to **Dudley MBC**
- Provide staff with regular paperwork for any childcare paid for via Childcare Voucher schemes
- To contact After School Club direct on **01384 818953** (not the main school office) to advise them of any changes to their child attending the club. Staff are available to take calls from 3.00p.m for After School Club

Fees will be reviewed on an annual basis.

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FORMS TO BE
COMPLETED
AND
RETURNED TO
AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

After School Club Contract

I would like my child to attend on the following days (please tick the appropriate boxes):

Starting from: _____

After School Club	3:15pm - 4:30pm £5.00 per child per session	3:15pm - 6:00pm £9.25 per session. £8.75 for siblings
Monday		
Tuesday		
Wednesday		
Thursday		
Friday		

Child Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Home Address: _____

Contact Telephone Number: _____

Please note that the sessions marked on this contract will be charged for each week, regardless of the child's attendance. In order to cancel a place, 4 weeks written notice is required.

I have read the terms and understood the complete parent/carer pack/agreement and I agree to abide by its terms.

Signed: _____

Relationship: _____

Signed on behalf of Blanford Mere Childcare: _____

Details of Parent / Carer

Parent / Carer - 1

Name: _____

Place of Work: _____

Work Telephone: _____

Mobile Telephone: _____

Parent / Carer - 2

Name: _____

Place of Work: _____

Work Telephone: _____

Mobile Telephone: _____

Emergency Contact - 3 (if we are unable to contact parent/carer 1 & 2)

Name: _____

Relationship: _____

Home Telephone: _____

Mobile Telephone: _____

Emergency Contact - 4 (if we are unable to contact parent/carer 1 & 2)

Name: _____

Relationship: _____

Home Telephone: _____

Mobile Telephone: _____

I authorise any of the above adults to collect my child. If I need anyone else to collect my child I will contact After School Club.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Medical Information

Health / Medical Problems: _____

Allergies: _____

Dietary Needs: _____

Child's GP: _____

GP Telephone No: _____

Are there any medical procedures prohibited by family religious beliefs:

Medical Treatment Consent Form

Name of Child: _____

In the event of an emergency and my child being considered to be in need of medical treatment whilst in the care of Blanford Mere Childcare Club, Mimosa Walk Kingswinford, West Midlands, I agree that the Club Manager should authorise such treatment on my behalf. I understand the above action would only be taken if I was unable to be contacted or could not be present.

Parent / Carer Signature: _____

Date: _____