



St. Nicholas C of E Primary School

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Dear Parent/ Carer,

RE: Provision of wraparound childcare

At St Nicholas Church of England Primary School, we understand the daily struggle of juggling a work-life balance whilst caring for children. Therefore, we feel that school-based childcare, provided by staff members who are part of the school community, will offer our pupils the care and nurture needed, whilst making life a little easier for parents/carers.

St Nicholas Church of England Primary School currently offers the following as a form of wraparound childcare:

The school runs a breakfast club which operates on the school premises from 7:30am until the start of the school day when the children are handed directly to the class teachers. This is a pre-paid facility. Please see the office for more details.

Lunchtime is not a part of the school day but the school recognises the difficulty for parents in collecting children at lunchtime and returning them an hour later. Therefore the school organises lunches and supervision at lunchtime, including clubs and activities, to help parents with this difficult time.

After school care club runs on the school premises from 3:30 until 5:30pm and children are passed directly from class teachers to after school care club staff at 3:30. This is a pre-paid facility. Please see the office for more details.

The staff also run clubs after school for which they receive no payment and a copy of this term's provision can be viewed on the school website at http://st-nicholas-blackpool.org.uk/curriculum_achievement/curriculum

A number of other clubs run by external providers are available during the school week, some being run before school and some after school. You can view the current provision at http://st-nicholas-blackpool.org.uk/curriculum_achievement/curriculum These clubs will require payment of a fee to the provider.

In a bid to meet the government's targets for increased access to childcare, the DfE has revealed that parents/carers of children in Reception to Year 9 have a '**right to request**' wraparound and holiday childcare.

A request for wraparound childcare can be made in writing to the school business manager or sent via email to admin@st-nicholas.blackpool.sch.uk

In order for a request to be considered, the application must include the following information:

- The type of childcare requested
- The age range of the children requiring the wraparound or holiday childcare
- Dates of when the provision is most needed

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Please note that requests can only be lodged with the school that the child attends.

With the aim of supporting the overall management and planning cycle of the school, all requests must be submitted at least 12 full school weeks before the proposed start date of the wraparound care requested in order for the request to be thoroughly considered. St Nicholas Church of England Primary School is not expected to consider requests made outside of this stated timeframe.

In order to assess the demand for childcare provision, St Nicholas Church of England Primary School has set a minimum threshold of requests, which must be met before undertaking the formal consideration process. Therefore, when **ten** requests for the same provision have been received, the request will warrant progression to the next stage of the procedure.

Whilst St Nicholas Church of England Primary School will not refuse a request without reasonable justification, the school reserves the right to reject requests for the following circumstances:

- Lack of available space to utilise
- Unsuitable space that cannot be reasonably adapted
- The provision is not viable due to a low level of demand which under cost effectiveness would make the proposed provision financially unviable.
- Similar provision already operates locally (contact details for this will be supplied)
- There are no other local providers or schools with whom partnership arrangements could be made
- It is not possible to appoint appropriately qualified staff in the time frame outlined above
- The school has been placed in 'special measures' or has serious weaknesses

This list is not exhaustive.

Parents/carers will be informed about the outcome of the 'right to request' process no longer than eight weeks from the threshold of ten requests being reached. Following the analysis of requests, parents/carers will be informed of how many requests were received, whether the threshold was reached, the reasons for the decision made, and any further steps to be taken.

If you would like to discuss the 'right to request' process or wraparound childcare further, please contact the school office to arrange a meeting with the school business manager.

Kind regards,



Mr A Mellor
Headteacher