



Out of School Hours Care



Out of School Hours Care is for school age children to play and learn and have fun in groups. These are usually split into breakfast clubs or after school clubs. They are mostly based in school premises or community centres.

Registering your child at an after school or breakfast club gives you the peace of mind that your child is in a safe environment enjoying structured activities whilst you are still at work. A Playworker may collect the children from school and take them to an after school club, some clubs prefer parents to arrange transport. Your child is signed in by staff and signed out when collected. After school clubs and holiday clubs that run for more than 2 hours per day are registered and inspected by Ofsted.

In Westminster the Westminster Play Centre Service manages term time play schemes on behalf of the City Council in fifteen settings for children aged 5-12 years. They provide a safe environment for children at the end of the school day and offer a curriculum that is designed to meet the intellectual, creative, physical, emotional and social needs of children.

Each centre offers a broad programme including planned activities such as sports and games, arts and crafts and music and drama. Children are also encouraged to engage in imaginative and fantasy play.

A quiet space is provided where children can read, do their homework, listen to stories and generally participate in quieter activities.

Some of the Centres also provide Homework Clubs with the aim of raising educational achievement by offering children helpful resources, personal support and a space for work.

For further information including details of charges and holiday provision please contact the Play Centre Service Head Office:

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FAQ's

What age range are the children in an Out of School Hours Club?

Most clubs will take children from the ages of 5-12. Some clubs will take 4 year olds if they are attending school.

When are Out of School Hours Clubs open?

Breakfast clubs generally open from 8am until 9am and after school clubs normally open from 3:30pm to 6pm.

How much does an after school club cost?

The fees are set by the club and will depend on the amount of time your child will be at the club or holiday scheme. Some after-school clubs and holiday playschemes are run privately and may cost more.

Useful checks to make

- Staffing levels, ratio of staff to children and safety records.
- How far in advance you will have to book – some holiday playschemes fill up quickly and there may be a waiting list for your nearest after school club.
- Staff qualifications and training, especially in first aid and sports.
- Check that younger children have their own play area so that they are not overwhelmed by the older children.

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