

## GENERAL INFORMATION

### 1 INTRODUCTION

Adventure Club is registered by OFSTED and was established in response to the need for quality out of school care in the community.

### 2 AIM OF THE CLUB

The club aims to provide play opportunities for children between the ages of 3 and 11 in a child-friendly environment that enables parents to work, study or just have time for themselves whilst having the peace of mind that their children are being cared for in a safe, stimulating environment that offers new opportunities for children to learn and develop their emotional, social and intellectual capabilities, while forging friendships with other children.

### 3 OPENING TIMES

Breakfast Club 7.30am (Monday to Friday)

After-school Club 3.00pm to 6.30pm (Monday to Friday)

### 4 THE SERVICE

#### Breakfast Club

A healthy breakfast is served which includes cereals, fruit, toast and yoghurt. Children are engaged in stimulating activities that prepare them for the start of a school day. The club takes the children to school.

#### After-school Club

The After-school Club picks children up from school. Children are provided with a healthy snack/meal before proceeding to any play and activities. Drinks are available to children throughout the session.

## Play and Activities

Children and young people need to play. The impulse to play is innate. Play is a biological and social necessity, and is fundamental to the healthy development and wellbeing of individuals and communities.

Play is process that is freely chosen, personally directed and intrinsically motivated. That is children and young people determine and control the content and intent of their play, by following their own instincts, ideas and interests, in their own way for their own reasons. For this reason children are free to choose from a range of activities.

By engaging in freely chosen play children gain confidence, learn to develop as individuals and members of the community, learn how to make decisions, learn how to negotiate and build strong relationships through working and playing in groups or alone, learn to take control of their environment, learn creative problem solving skills to mention a few.

For the above reasons, the prime focus and essence of our work with children is to support and facilitate the play process. This informs the development of our policies, staff training and play opportunities provided.

There are 16 playtypes in all, here are examples of four playtypes and how children benefit from these.

Play type	Description	Benefits to Children
Creative Play	With this type of play children combine a range of materials to make new connections and create things as a result. This could be through art and craft materials where children may for example combine cardboard, paint, Sticky tape, a cereal box the roll from a tissue and create say a car.	This type of play helps children's <b>problem solving, reasoning</b> and <b>numeracy</b> in that they would have an end product in mind, plan the combination of materials needed to achieve the end product, experiment different ways of combining the materials and in so doing would be developing problem solving skills, applying their numeracy, reasoning, design and technology skills.
Fantasy Play	Fantasy play is the kind of play which re-arranges the child's world in a way which is unlikely to happen. An example of this is a child pretending they are Spiderman, Dora or Hannah Montana. With this type of play a child transforms his or her state of mind into their chosen character, creates an amazing world in which their imaginations take	This type of play develops children communication skills in the sense that when they become a different character they may use communication that improves their competence in communication, speaking and listening. It also supports development of creativity of mind and confidence.

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Locomotor Play	This type of play involves movement in every direction in for its own sake. This could involve sporting activities such as football, running, chase, snooker and gymnastics	The benefits of this type of play is that children use senses to learn about the world around them. It helps keep them active thus developing an understanding of the importance of physical activity and the importance of making healthy food choices to remain active.
Role Play	In this type of play children explore different ways of being which is not normally of an intense personal, social, domestic or interpersonal nature. This could normally be trying out a role such as driving a car which has never been experienced before	This helps children's creative development because it is an opportunity to explore and share thoughts, ideas and feelings through role play

### What Else is Available to Children

Art and Craft	Floor play	Xbox games	Free play
Jigsaw Puzzles	Learning Games	Computer games	Music
Indoor sports	Snooker/Pool	Football	Computers
Televisions/DVD	Netball	Cooking/Baking	Sewing

### Homework

Children with homework will be able to complete this using the computer room. Children will have access to resources such as BBC Bite Size to help with homework

## 5 PREMISES

The breakfast and afterschool clubs will be run at Orchard Primary School. Areas accessed by the club will include the dining room and an adjoining classroom and sometimes the computer room for homework. The club also has access to an outdoor play area that offers children a lot of outdoor opportunities. Access to the club area is by a buzzer. Parents dropping off or picking up by car can park on the road outside the school. The staff car park is not available for use.

## 6 FEES

	One Child	Sibling Rate
Breakfast Club	£5.50	£5
Afterschool Club	£12	£11.50
Late pick up	£5 every 15 min	£5 every 15 min

### Sibling Discount

The first child pays the full rate (unless it's a full week booking) and subsequent siblings pay the discounted rate. Where a full week booking is made the discount applies to all children. No further discounts apply to siblings on full week bookings.

### Full Week Booking Discount (One Child)

A discount is offered on full week bookings made to attend from Monday to Friday. The discount applies to bookings made on the Breakfast Club and or After-School Club. This discount does not apply to siblings.

### Child Tax Credits

Information on how to claim child tax credits to assist with childcare payments can be obtained from Inland Revenue by calling **0345 300 3900**. Further information can also be obtained from:

<http://www.hmrc.gov.uk/taxcredits/start/who-qualifies/children/children-taxcredits.htm>

### Payment of Fees

Payment of fees is in advance and must be received with the booking. Payment can be made by direct bank transfer, childcare vouchers or card payment. Please note we do not accept cheque payments.

## 7 ADVENTURE CLUB CONTACT DETAILS

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