

KOOL CLUB

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About Kool Club

Kool Club was started in 2003 with the intention of providing good quality and affordable childcare for children attending Alne Primary School, and those in the surrounding area. We believe that the original ethos of offering a safe, friendly, caring and relaxing environment for children at the end of the school day, with the opportunity to participate in stimulating activities if they wish, is still very evident.

We are located on the school premises, using the school hall and playground, which has been approved for the use of the club by Ofsted. We provide out-of-school care for children aged between 4 and 16 years of age. Provision is available 5 days a week between 3.15 and 6.00pm during term time, with additional provision during the summer holidays according to demand. We have approval and capacity to care for up to 30 children.

The club is run by a committee, which is made up of the Head teacher, a school governor, parents and staff.

Staffing

Care is provided by a dedicated and experienced team, made up of a co-ordinator, Jayne Porter, who has been involved with the club since its inception, and regular part-time play workers, Jeanette Piercy and David Chappell, who have also been with the club for a number of years. We also employ Sally Harland, Katie Harkness and Beth Porter. Thanks must go to the co-ordinator and staff for their continued support in being flexible in the hours that they work, to cover all sessions.

All members of staff are involved in the planning, preparation and delivery of activities. Where possible sessions are staffed with 3 members of staff to ensure we operate to a suitable care ratio.

There has been an increase in the rate of pay for staff from April 2016 (£13/hr Coordinator & £10.50/hr Playworker).

As identified through our self-assessment process we continue to develop the role of the Keyworkers with children, and strengthen our staff monitoring and appraisal system.

Ofsted

In June 2015 we had our Ofsted Inspection and were pleased that our provision was deemed to be **Grade 2: Good**, in all aspects (report attached), maintaining our previous grade. We were a little disappointed with the reasons that were given as to why we are not yet outstanding, and will continue to improve on these:

- Staff do not always fully consider how some children's interests can be supported in the outdoor area.
- The provider's arrangements for monitoring the performance of staff are not yet fully robust.

Actions have been taken to address these reasons, which we believe are satisfactory.

Policies

Kool Club is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and staff, and expects all staff, volunteers and partners to share this commitment. This is reflected in all our policies, which have recently been reviewed and updated, to ensure they reflect any changes in requirements.

Considerable thanks must go to the Secretary for maintaining these.

Children Numbers

Bookings remain at a good level and not expected to fluctuate much. The policy has been to try and keep at least one place free each night to enable us to be flexible for one-off last minute use. This is in line with our family-friendly policy.

Holiday Club

Holiday Club ran in summer 2016 and the numbers have strengthened on the previous year. Holiday Club made a small profit this year.

The details of dates available were circulated via the school email system several times during the spring and summer terms to enable families to book their requirements early.

Holiday Club 2017 dates have been published since March and bookings are looking healthy, with bookings made to a value of over £3000 so far. Holiday Club information will be circulated again during the summer term.

Resources

We have been fortunate enough to be in a position to purchase many new toys and games in recent years. This has meant that the main investment in resources has been for activities throughout the year.

Kool Club has not contributed towards any school projects in the last year.

Children's Committee

A Children's Committee was introduced in 2013/14 to get direct feedback from the children about what they enjoy or dislike at Kool Club. All children in the session are invited to talk with the co-ordinator and member of the committee. The aim is that throughout the year all children will have the opportunity to contribute to a discussion. The information gathered from these discussions is used to plan activities, and for example when purchasing new toys/resources etc. These sessions prove informative for the adults taking part.

Self-Assessment

We were praised by the Ofsted inspector for our self-assessment process:

"Good attention is given to monitoring and evaluating the quality of the service. Management, staff, parents and children are all fully involved, which means the views of all service users are considered when planning for continuous improvement." (Ofsted report)

Feedback From Families

All families were given the opportunity to complete a short online survey about the service that we provide. We had 22 replies (slightly lower than last year's 32), all with positive feedback. All respondents either "Strongly Agreed" or "Agreed" that "Kool Club is led and managed effectively, and is good value for money". The only questions which attracted a small number of negative responses were about knowledge of Keyworkers.

Newsletter

Three newsletters (termly), distributed by email, have been produced by the chair of the committee and the club co-ordinator, to help improve communication with families.

Finances & Treasurer's Report

Jo Pearson

Actions for coming year

- Continue to embed and develop staff monitoring and appraisal system that has now been running for 2 years.

I would like to thank all those involved in the running and maintaining of the club, for the benefit of the families who use it.

Now it is time to accept or decline the contents of this report as a true reflection of the events of the last year for Kool Club.