

Churwell Out of School Group

Newsletter

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Introduction

This is the fourth edition of a Newsletter designed to keep you informed of progress on the project to set up an Out of School Group in Churwell.

Proposal

The plans are to provide up to 32 childcare places before school, after school and in holidays. Funding for start up costs will come from the New Opportunities Fund (Lottery money). The Group would aim to be self-financing through fees by the second year. Similar proposals were also made at other schools in Morley, some of which have already opened. The plans aim to increase the availability and choice of childcare in this area.

Good news

In September (Newsletter 3) parents were advised that the planned location of an Out of School Club in a temporary building on the school site was not possible due to space limitations.

We are pleased to report that we have found an alternative location in Churwell. The Out Of School Club will be based in Churwell Methodist Church on Back Green which offers excellent internal space and facilities with easy access to Churwell Park and Harwill fields for outdoor play in warmer holidays. Children would be escorted to and from school in term time.

What happens next?

Volunteers will meet on 3 December to expand the Management Committee. This Committee will take forward the plans for the Out of School Club and will provide leadership and direction in the first year of operation. In subsequent years elections will be held for the Committee with parents of registered children eligible to vote.

First tasks of the Committee are to:

- Registered the building for childcare purposes and ensure any necessary refurbishments are carried out to meet current standards;
- Recruit staff so that the Play Leader can begin the detailed planning and preparation for the club's activities.

Once the building is ready and Play Leader recruited, an Open Evening will be held for parents to see the facilities and talk to staff. At this stage we expect the club would not be ready to open until January/February.

Parents are invited to register an interest in taking up a place at the Club by returning the attached form. You are not committing yourself at this stage but it would help us gain an idea of the numbers and ages of children likely to attend.

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Expression of interest for place: 2002

Child's name	
Date of birth	
Year and class at Churwell School	
Parent / guardian's name	
Address	

Post code	
Home telephone number	
Day time telephone number	

I would be interested in a place for the following sessions (please tick):

TERM TIME	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Before school					
After school					

HOLIDAYS

Feb H/T	Easter	June H/T	Summer	Oct H/T	Christmas

Provisional opening times and costs

Exact plans are still to be finalised but the following should provide you with a guide as to the likely times and costs of a place per session for 2002:

	Start time	Finish time	Expected cost
Before school	7:30	8:50	£3
After school	15:15	18:15	£7
Holidays	8:00	18:00	£15

Comments

Please return to:

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