

What is Out of School Care?

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<http://fis.westberk.gov.uk>

Out of School Care provides forms of childcare to children whose school days do not coincide with the working hours of their parents.

The types of Out of School Care available are:

- Breakfast Clubs (operate from 8am until the start of School)
- After School Clubs (operate from the end of School until 6pm)
- Homework clubs
- Clubs/activities run by the School
- Holiday Clubs (normally open from 8am – 6pm during the School holidays)

Out of School care is for School aged children and care is based either in the School or locally in a church or village hall or in a community hall or leisure centre.

Out of School care can be run under the School's Ofsted registration or registered separately with Ofsted for children under the age of 8.

Out of School care for children over the age of 8 do not need to be registered with Ofsted although they may choose to register on the Voluntary Register with Ofsted.

Questions to ask?

- What is the ratio of staff to children?
- Are they registered with Ofsted?
- Are they on the Voluntary Register?
- What qualifications and experience does the staff have?
- What do the children do?
- Are there organized activities such as arts and crafts, sports?
- Do they offer homework facilities?
- Is there a quiet area where children can relax?
- Are the children well supervised?
- How will you assist me in managing challenging behavior?
- Are the staff first aid trained?
- Do you have any policies and procedures? – ask for hard copies to take away and read



“Out of school services are for children to be cared for before and after school and during school holidays”



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- Will your child be taken off the premises? Ask for examples of where and make sure you sign to authorize this
- Is there plenty of outdoor space?
- Is there a separate area for younger children?
- How do I secure a place for my child?
- Is there a waiting list?
- What happens if I am late collecting my child?
- How much does it cost?
- What food is provided?

Other things to look for:

- How do the staff greet and interact with the children
- How do the children talk to the staff
- Talk to other parents who use the club – ask for feedback
- Is the club warm and inviting?

Useful websites to look for:

www.pacey.org.uk/

professional association of childminders and early years
Tel: 0845 880 0044

www.daycaretrust.org.uk/

Tel: 0845 872 6260

www.ofsted.gov.uk/

Tel: 0300 123 1231



“The Out of school care varies for different settings, providing combinations of breakfast, after school care and holiday care.”