



21st June 2023

Dear parents,

I wrote home last term with news that the Avonwood wrap around care service will be run and managed by our staff from September 2023. This new club will be called 'Avonwood Plus Club', as it's aim is to deliver the same Avonwood standard of care but opportunities to enjoy activities that might not always fall inside normal curriculum time.

I'm pleased to announce plans for our 'Avonwood Plus' club are progressing well, with updates including:

Management Team Appointed

I'm delighted to report that three experienced Avonwood staff will be taking over as our new club managers. Miss Barnes will lead the Breakfast Club team daily, while Mrs Peckham and Mrs Hayes will be job sharing the after-school club manager role. These three experienced TA's / HTLA's will bring the Avonwood in house expertise I feel these clubs really need. They will soon be joined by a team of Play Workers that I again hope will include some already known names for your children.

Opening Hours

Breakfast Club will run from 7:30 to 8:40 daily, with children taken directly to class from the club. Our After School Club will run from the end of the school day until 17:45 daily, children will be collected from their classes and escorted to the club.

Location

Both Breakfast and After-school clubs will be running from the current Silver Birch classroom in the Year 3 block. This classroom will be vacant from September, so is well suited to being home for our wrap around care club. Parents will be able to use the intercom at the front of the Year3 block to drop off and collect children. The MUGA playground space will be dedicated to this club too, providing an excellent space for sporty activities.

Pricing

I'm very pleased to confirm that by bringing this provision in house, we have been able to reduce prices. From September 2023 Breakfast Club will cost £5 and after school club £12. This price still includes breakfast and snacks. Where prices have reduced, sibling discounts will no longer be available with one fixed price for all sessions. Prices will be reviewed annually.

Tax-Free Childcare

We are set up to accept Tax-Free childcare payments, if parents utilise this service, for every £8 you pay into this account, the government will pay in £2 to use to pay your provider. The funds can be paid to us on your childcare account using the website below, just search for 'Avonwood Primary School' as a provider.

Sign in to your childcare account - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)

If you pay funds in using this service, you must let us know so that we can credit this to your parent pay account. To do so, please email us stating whether you would like the funds added to Breakfast or Afterschool care at the following address:

Avonwood Primary School
Harewood Avenue
Bournemouth
Dorset
BH7 6NB
t: 01202 727910



wrap-aroundcare@avonwoodprimaryschool.org.uk

If you have any questions around childcare vouchers, please contact us via the above email address.

Bookings

We will be using our existing 'Parent Pay' app to take bookings for these clubs. From 3rd July you will be able to book spaces for the entire 2023/24 academic year, in a similar manner to booking school lunches. Parents are not obliged to book for the full year but may do so if they wish. You will be charged the full amount upon making the booking, so we expect many parents will opt to book monthly or perhaps half termly.

If you are paying with childcare vouchers, please notify us on the above email so that the vouchers are credited to your account in plenty of time **before** making the booking on ParentPay.

Activities

The club will be run with a curriculum of activities for children to choose from, including crafts, sports and games. These activities will link to weekly themes. We will also give parents the option of children completing homework at this club and staff will be on hand should they need any assistance. The club will have a different feel to the school day, more relaxed with children free to complete their choice of activities.

Spaces

We will offer 38 spaces daily. We do not foresee a situation where any existing Foundation Play regular families that are reliant on weekly spaces will go without, but recommend making September bookings ASAP to secure spaces. Should we find demand exceeds capacity, we will do our best to review this.

Attending Multiple Clubs on One Day

If you would like your child to attend our after-school care club on the same day as another after school club (e.g. Choir Club), we are happy to accommodate your child after the other club finishes. For staffing reasons, the session fee will remain the same for partial attendance, £12.

Hopefully this answers most queries around this club. Bookings will go live on Parent Pay on Monday 3rd July. If you have additional questions, please don't hesitate to get in touch via our email address below:

wrap-aroundcare@avonwoodprimaryschool.org.uk

We are really excited about bringing this provision back in-house and launching 'Avonwood Plus' in September. A formal policy is being written that will be shared in advance of the club starting too. If you have any questions or queries, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Kind regards,

Mr Jackson
Headteacher