

# Hawkesbury CE VC Primary School

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## After School Club at Hawkesbury Primary School

Following our recent survey, we would like to share some key information with you about our After School Club (ASC).

### When and where does ASC take place?

Every Monday – Thursday, 3pm – 6pm. The children meet in the ASC room (next to Wren Class) and they spend time both in the room and outside when the weather is good. Children in Wrens and Robins are collected from their classroom. Children in KS2 make their own way to ASC.

### Who runs ASC?

ASC is run by 2 members of school staff: Mrs Eaton (Mondays) and Mrs Basanets (Tues-Thurs), with another member of school staff supporting in the background. Mr Brown supports the club too. Staffing ASC has been challenging so far and efforts to appoint a second member of staff have not worked. We are still looking for somebody to fill this role.

### How much does ASC cost?

There is currently a flat rate of £15 per session per child and this remains under review. We are unable to subsidise the club from the school budget and so must monitor the financial position very closely. From **Monday 26<sup>th</sup> June** we will trial shorter one-hour sessions each day. If you collect your child by 4pm, a £5 session can be booked. Please note: we may need to limit spaces: booking must be made to secure a place via Pay 360.

### How do I book?

**Booking is essential** – children are not able to turn up without a booking. From next week, your child will not be able to attend ASC unless they have a place booked in advance. Bookings should be made through Pay 360 at least 24 hours in advance. This includes regular users and for sessions paid for with childcare vouchers. On the day bookings by phone to the office will be permitted but only if space is available. Important note: when children turn up without a booking it makes it very difficult for the staff to know if they are in the right place – to ensure the safety of all children, this will be followed up on every occasion from now on.

### What do the children do at ASC?

A range of self-directed play and adult-directed activity. We have found that the children do prefer to let off steam at the end of a busy day and engage in their own self-led play. Some of the time is spent in the ASC room and some, particularly now the weather is warmer, is spent playing on the field. The staff also organise games, craft activities and cooking as part of the programme.

### Do children have a snack?

Children have access to one bread-based snack (toast, crumpet, bagel, pitta bread) and a selection of fruits and carrots.

*If you have any further questions, please speak to the school office.*