



Club Handbook

TC Activity Club Parents' Handbook

ABOUT THE CLUB

TC Activity Club is registered with Ofsted (Registration No EY552435), and is based in North London, Southgate. The club is open from 7.30am-8.45am & 3.15pm-6.15pm weekdays, during term time. We also offer holiday care from 8.15am to 6.15pm during holidays.

We are based at Walker Primary School. We use the school hall to operate most of our activities for the children, as well as having a large playground area. We use a free flow system with varied areas of learning for the children to access throughout the sessions, which include: sports, arts, cooking and games.

Mission Statement

At TC Activity Club we aim to provide a safe and secure and enjoyable environment, offering a range of sporting and creative activities to reflect the interests of the children in our care. We strive to create educational opportunities for all children and support the learning and holistic development of the child.

What we offer

Our Club follows the Playwork Principles, so the children are free to choose activities and resources as they wish. There will always be a selection of activities and resources available, including sports, arts, board games, construction, cooking, and reading. In addition, other resources are available for the children to select from our equipment library. We offer staff who are skilled in different areas to lead specialist activities for the children.

What we provide

We believe that snack time is a social occasion, which allows for enriching conversation and time for children to talk about their school day. The food we provide at the Club is not intended as a substitute for a main evening meal. We provide healthy snacks, including fresh fruit and vegetables. We promote independence, by encouraging the children to prepare their own snacks, and to clear away after themselves. We use fresh ingredients and follow statutory guidelines. Fresh drinking water is available at all times. We meet individual dietary requirements and parental preferences wherever possible. We recognise the importance of healthy nutrition for children delivered in a calm, friendly setting.

Staffing

Our Club is staffed by a manager Daniel Cooper, deputy manager Jordan Vanderhoech, and playworkers. We aim to provide a smooth transition between school and club.

All of our staff have specialist skills and experience of working with children and undertake professional development training. All staff members are enhanced DBS checked. We maintain a staff/child ratio of at least a minimum of 1:15 for children in our care, although we operate at a ratio of 1:7 to allow safer and more organised play for children in our care.

Staff also have designated roles:

Daniel Cooper: Special Education Needs Lead

Jordan Vanderhoech: Equalities and Inclusion Lead, Health and Safety Officer

Daniel Cooper: Fire Safety Officer, First Aid Lead, EYFS Key Person

Jordan Vanderhoech: EYFS Key Person, Child Protection Officer

If you have a query or concern at any time, please speak to a member of staff at the club when you collect your child. If you prefer to arrange a more convenient time for a meeting, please contact the manager (contact details are at the back of this Handbook).

Organisation

TC Activity Club is run as a private business. We enjoy a close working relationship with Walker Primary School in order to ensure continuity of care, and to maintain good communication links.

Policies and procedures

The Club has clearly defined policies and procedures. Key points of the main policies are included in this Handbook. Copies of the full policies are kept at the Club and are available for parents to consult at all times.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Admission

Our Club aims to be accessible to children and families at Walker School. Admission to the club is organised by the Manager and we use a waiting list system when the need arises. The waiting list will be operated on a first come-first served basis, with the exception of siblings who will have priority for the same day as a sibling already attending. See our **Admission and Fees Policy** for more details.

We require a completed set of registration via our booking system for your child before they can attend the club. This information will be treated as confidential and will be stored appropriately.

Re-enrolment for September is required at the end of the summer term. We cannot keep a place open for your child unless you complete a new registration process.

Payment of fees

The current After-School Club fees are **£10.00** per child per session 3.15-6.15pm for advance block booking, which is made prior to your child(ren) starting. **£11.00** per session for ad hoc or same day booking. Breakfast Club fees are **£5.00** for advanced block booking and **£6.00** per session for ad hoc booking or same day booking. Fees are payable in advance by cash, bank transfer, online through our website or childcare vouchers.

The price per session per child applies to all children. This is payable for all booked sessions including when your child is sick, or on holiday (regardless of the amount of notice given). We offer a 5% sibling discount for two children and 10% discount if you have 3 or more children. This discount is applied for when a child attends on the same day as siblings only. If siblings attend on different days, the discount cannot be applied.

We do not charge for bank holidays and professional training days.

Please ensure that fees are paid promptly. Non-payment for more than one month may result in your place being terminated. If you are having difficulty paying fees, please speak in confidence to the Manager.

Changes to days and cancelling your place

You must give us 2 weeks notice of termination, or of changes in attendance. If you need to change the days that your child attends, please contact the Manager. We try to accommodate such changes wherever possible.

Temporary changes

Please remember that we need to know if your child will not be attending the Club for any reason. Even if you have informed your child's school, you still need to notify us as the school does not automatically pass this information on to us. If your child doesn't attend a booked session, we will have to treat them as a 'missing child' unless you have notified us of their absence.

If you know in advance of any days when your child will not be attending during the following week, please try to let the Manager know by FRIDAY at the latest. In cases of illness or emergency when notice cannot be given, please call as soon as you can. Contact details can be found at the end of this Handbook.

Induction

You and your child are welcome to visit the Club before your child's first day, to familiarise yourselves with the setting and to help your child settle in.

During your child's first session time will be set aside for an induction. The induction will include running through Club's rules and routines (including meal times, collection, children's meetings), and introducing your child, the staff and other children.

Another child will usually be allocated to act as your child's buddy for the first few sessions.

See our **Child Induction Policy** for more details.

Arrivals and departures

Our staff collects the children from their classrooms for year Rec to Year 2. Children in year 3 to 6 will make their own way to the meeting point which is in the school premises. A register is taken when children arrive in our care, and you must sign out your child each day when you collect them.

We expect that your child will normally be collected by the people you have named on the registration form. If you need a different person to collect your child on a particular day, you must notify us in advance. We will not release your child into the care of a person unknown to us without your authorisation.

See our **Arrivals and Departures Policy** for more details.

The club finishes at 6.15pm, if you are delayed for any reason please telephone the Club to let us know. A late payment fee of **£5.00 per 15 minutes** will be charged if you collect your child after the Club has closed.

If your child remains uncollected after 6.45pm and you have not warned us that you will be delayed, and we have been unable to reach you or any of your emergency contacts, we will follow our **Uncollected Children Policy** and contact the Social Care team.

Child protection

We are committed to building a 'culture of safety' in which the children in our care are protected from abuse and harm. Any suspicion of abuse is promptly and appropriately responded to. We comply with local and national child protection procedures and ensure that all staff are appropriately trained. For more details see our **Safeguarding Policy**.

Equal opportunities

Our Club provides a safe and caring environment, free from discrimination, for everyone in our community including children with additional needs.

- We respect the different racial origins, religions, cultures and languages in a multi-ethnic society so that each child is valued as an individual without racial or gender stereotyping.
- We will challenge inappropriate attitudes and practices
- We will not tolerate any form of racial harassment.

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Special needs

We make every effort to accommodate and welcome any child with special needs. We will work in liaison with parents or carers and relevant professionals to fully understand your child's specific requirements. We will endeavour to accommodate all children of all abilities, whilst working within the Club's limitations. Each case will be considered individually and risk-assessed to ensure everyone's safety.

Our staff training programme includes specific elements relating to children with special needs.

For more details on equal opportunities and special needs, see our **Equalities Policy**.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Behaviour (children)

Children and staff have created rules for acceptable behaviour whilst at the Club. These are displayed at the Club for everyone to see.

We have a clear **Behaviour Management Policy**, a copy of which is distributed to all parents and carers:

The Club promotes an atmosphere of care, consideration and respect for everyone attending: children, staff and visitors.

We encourage appropriate behaviour through: praise for good behaviour; emphasis on cooperative play and sharing; talking to children with the courtesy that we expect from them and engaging children in activities

The Club has procedures for dealing with unacceptable behaviour. We recognise that poor behaviour can occur from time to time for reasons that are not always evident, or as a result of special needs. We will try to be flexible in order to accommodate such cases.

However, if your child is violent, or if their behaviour poses an immediate danger to themselves or others, we will require you to collect them from the Club immediately. In exceptional circumstances, and only when all other attempts at behaviour management have failed, we reserve the right to permanently exclude a child from the Club. See our **Suspensions and Exclusions Policy** for full details.

Behaviour (adults)

We will not tolerate any person, whether a parent, carer or visitor: bullying; aggressive, confrontational or threatening behaviour; or behaviour intended to result in conflict. Our Club is a place of safety and security for the children who attend and the staff who work here, and we reserve the right to ban anyone exhibiting inappropriate behaviour from our premises. See our **Aggressive Behaviour Policy** for more details.

Illness

We are unable to care for children who are unwell. If your child becomes unwell whilst at the Club we will contact you and ask you to make arrangements for them to be collected.

Please inform the Manager of any infectious illness your child contracts. If your child has had sickness or diarrhoea please do not send him or her to the Club for 48 hours after the illness has ceased. See our **Illness and Accidents Policy** for more details.

Accidents and first aid

Every precaution is taken to ensure the safety of the children at all times, and the Club is fully insured. Our staff are trained in first aid and a first aid kit is kept on the premises. If your child has an accident whilst in our care, you will be informed when you collect your child. For full details see our **Illness and Accidents Policy**.

Medication

Please let the Manager know if your child is taking prescribed medicine. If your child needs to take medicine whilst at the Club you will need to complete a **Permission to administer medication form** in advance. See our **Administering Medication Policy** for more details.

Complaints procedure

If you have any queries, comments or need to discuss any matters concerning your child, please feel free to speak to your child's key person, the Manager, or any other member of staff.

Verbal complaints will be brought to the next staff meeting for discussion and action.

All written complaints will be acknowledged within five working days of receipt and a full written response will be given within 28 days.

A full copy of our **Complaints Policy** is available on request.

PLEDGE TO PARENTS

We value our relationship with parents/carers and are committed to working in partnership with you to provide top quality play and care for your children. We will:

- Welcome you at all times to discuss our work, have a chat or take part in our activities.
- Keep you informed of opening times, fees and charges, programmes of activities, menus, and procedures.
- Be consistent and reliable to enable you to plan with confidence and peace of mind.
- Share and discuss your child's achievements, experiences, progress, and friendships.
- Be available to discuss decisions about running the club.
- Ask your permission for outings and special events.
- Listen to your views and concerns to ensure that we continue to meet your needs.

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