

The AfterSchool Club

Arrivals and Departures

The AfterSchool Club recognises that the safe arrival and departure of the children in our care is paramount.

The Supervisor will ensure that an accurate record is kept of all children in the Club, and that any arrivals or departures are recorded in the register. The register will be kept in an accessible location on the premises at all times. This process will be supplemented by regular headcounts during the session. During the Holiday Club the register is taken again at lunch time.

Escorting children to the Club

- The Club and school have a clear agreement concerning the transfer of responsibility for children's safety.
- The Club will conduct a risk assessment on the route used to escort children to the Club and will review it regularly.
- If a child is booked into the Club but is not at the collection point, staff will check to see if the child was present at school that day. If the whereabouts of the child is not known, staff will immediately inform the designated contact at the school and the child's parents or carers, and follow the procedures laid out in the Missing Child policy.

Arrivals

Our staff will greet each child warmly on their arrival at the Club and will record the child's attendance in the daily register straightaway this will include the time of the arrival.

Departures

- Staff will ensure that parents or carers sign children out before they leave, including the time of collection.
- Children can only be collected by an adult who has been authorised to collect them on their registration form.
- The child's parents or carers must inform the Club in advance if someone who is not listed on the registration form is to collect the child. The Supervisor will contact the main parent or carer for confirmation if they have any concerns regarding departures.
- The parent or carer must notify the Club if they will be late collecting their child. If the Club is not informed, the **Uncollected Children** policy will be followed.
- All children must be collected from the Club and no child will be allowed to leave the Club alone at the end of the session.

Absences

- If a child is going to be absent from a session, parents must notify the Club in advance.
- If a child is absent without explanation, staff will contact the parents or carers and the school to check where the child should be. If there is no explanation for the absence the Club will activate the **Missing Child** procedure.
- The Club will try to discover the causes of prolonged and unexplained absences. Regular absences could indicate that a child or family is having some difficulties and might need additional support.

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