

Arrivals and Departures Policy

Olveston Out of School Club will give a warm and friendly welcome to each child on arrival and ensure that they depart safely at the end of each session.

Admissions

It is the responsibility of the Leader to ensure that an accurate record is kept of all children in the Club, and that any arrival or departure to and from the premises is 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 head counts during the session.

Records of daily registers should be kept by the Club for at least one year.

Arrivals

On arrival, a member of staff will immediately record the child's attendance in the daily register, including the time of registration.

If the parent/carer wants their child to be given medicine during the day by a member of staff, they must complete and sign the Administering Medication Form. Further details of this procedure are contained in the Club's Health, Illness and Emergency policy.

Departures

If the child is to be collected by someone other than the parent/carer, this must be indicated to a member of staff and recorded at the start of the session. The adult nominated to collect a child must be one of those named on the Admissions Form. Only adults – aged 16 years and over – and with suitable identification, will be authorised to collect children.

No child will be allowed to leave the Club unaccompanied.

No adult other than those named on the Admissions Form will be allowed to leave the Club with a child. In the event that someone else should arrive without prior knowledge, the Club will telephone the parent/carer immediately.

If the parent/carer or alternative nominated adult is going to be late to collect their child, staff must be informed of this on arrival. If the designated adult is late in picking up their child without prior warning, the provisions of the Uncollected Children policy will be activated.

Upon departure, the register will be marked to show that the child has left the premises. The time of departure will also be recorded.

Absences

If a child is going to be absent from a session, parents must indicate this to the Club in advance.

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If a child is absent without explanation for more than three days concurrently, staff will contact the parents/carers to try to ascertain the reasons behind this.

Regular absences from the Club could be an early sign and/or symptom that a child or family may be encountering some difficulties and might need support from the relevant statutory agencies. The Club and its staff will always try to discover the causes of prolonged and unexplained absences.

Escorting Children between School and the Club

A regular meeting place for children will be established in the school playground where a member of staff with an identifiable sweatshirt or tabard will collect children for the Club. Children under eight should be escorted directly from classrooms to the meeting point.

If a child is absent from the Club without prior warning, staff will check to see if they attended school that day – they will not simply accept the word of other children. If the whereabouts of the child is not clear, staff will immediately inform the designated contact at the school and the parents/carers.

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