

**Friday 31 March 2017**

**Our Aims and Values**

At Cromwell Academy we all strive:

- To create memorable experiences for the whole community
- To build strong relationships and work in partnership to develop children who feel comfortable, safe, confident and valued
- To ensure every child has an equal opportunity to succeed and achieve
- To develop independent lifelong learners and responsible citizens through a stimulating and dynamic curriculum

Our statement of purpose is: **Committed to Achieving**



**HAPPY EASTER**

Dear Parents/Carers

We have had a jam packed term full of EGG-citing activities and are already looking forward to the Summer Term. Please remember to have a look at our scrapbook showing the amazing times the children have with us. This can be found in the cloakroom.

Thank you to all of our parents/carers that have helped and supported us throughout the Spring Term; it is very much appreciated. We look forward to continuing working with you in order to make our children's time at Kids Club a memorable one.

We wish you all a happy and safe holiday!

Kind regards

**Helen Goodyear  
Kids Club Leader**

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**Twitter: @cromwellacademy**

**Website: [www.comwellacademy.com](http://www.comwellacademy.com)**

## SAFEGUARDING

To ensure the safety of our members we would like to ask parents/carers to inform us if their child will not be attending Breakfast Club. Calls should be made by **8.10am** on each day of absence. Please do this by calling the Kids Club telephone number: **01480 437582**.

Thank you to all those parents/carers who already do so.

## EASTER EGG HUNT

This week we have had an EGG-cellent time hunting for Easter eggs around Kids Club. We searched high and low, inside and out, over and under and worked as a team. They were very tricky to find but definitely worth the wait!



## FOOD GLORIOUS FOOD!

This term we have been very lucky to try lots of wonderful new snacks and breakfasts. Some of these include fruit jelly, noodles, homemade wraps, beans on toast, crumpets, cereals, spaghetti hoops, savoury rice, hot dogs, scrambled eggs, and much more. All of the snacks we have tried were all suggested by the children.



## LIFE LONG, INDEPENDENT LEARNERS

One of our aims and values is to develop independent lifelong learners and responsible citizens through a stimulating and dynamic curriculum. Part of this includes learning how to look after our play environment and how to tidy up after ourselves. The children are encouraged to wash up their own snack plates and cutlery. It is a joy to see so many of the older children leading the way for our younger members of Kids Club.



## PLACES AVAILABLE

We currently have places available for our morning and afternoon sessions but they are filling up fast!

### Opening Times and Costs

Our rate for Kids Club sessions are as follows:

Times	Cost per child*
Before School 8.00am - 8.45am	£4.00**
After School 3.15pm – 5.00pm	£7.60**
After School 3.15pm – 6.00pm	£12.50**

\*There is a 10% discount for subsequent siblings

\*\*Includes breakfast and snacks

If you are interested in sending your child/ren to Kids Club then please speak to Helen Goodyear or email [kidsclub@cromwellacademy.com](mailto:kidsclub@cromwellacademy.com).

## CONTACTING KIDS CLUB

If you need to get a message to us at Kids Club during the school day, please call the office on 01480 437830. If you would like to get in touch with us during our sessions, 8.00am – 8.45am and 3.15pm – 6.00pm then please call **01480 437582**. Your support in this matter is appreciated.



## OUR STAFF TEAM

Our staff team is made up of the following people:



Please be aware that there may be occasions when staff are not in Kids Club as stated in the above timetable. This could be due to staff training, staff meetings or staff absences. At Cromwell Academy Kids Club we endeavour to cover any staff absences with existing staff that are known to the children. If this is not possible we endeavour to use an experienced member of Academy staff who matches our requirements with qualified Playwork practitioners.

## INVOICING AND PAYMENTS

You will be invoiced monthly for session fees. Where possible (to reduce our use of paper and help the environment) these will be sent electronically to you via email from [dfairbank@cromwellacademy.com](mailto:dfairbank@cromwellacademy.com). Payments should be made through ParentPay where possible. Please ensure that you have given us your email for this purpose.

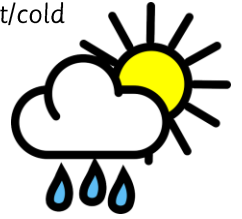
In the instance of parents/carers arriving late to collect their child a charge of £5.00 per 15 minutes will be made and added to the following month's invoice. Sessions end at 5.00pm or 6.00pm; you will have stated which session your child is booked in for.

If parents/carers do not inform the Club that a child will be absent from a booked session either in person, by telephone or by emailing the school office a discretionary charge of £5.00 may be made if no reason is given. Please note, in accordance with our Payment Policy, all absences will be charged for.

### **THERE IS NO SUCH THING AS BAD WEATHER**

At Kids Club we will go outdoors in all weathers, this means children may get wet or even muddy at the end of the school day. This is part of the Playwork ethos and an important part of childhood. We request that you provide a change of clothes, waterproof jacket and a pair of wellies for your child to keep at Kids Club should they wish to go out in wet/cold weather. If these items are not provided we cannot guarantee your child will come home clean and dry.

Please ensure all of your child's belongings are labelled clearly with their name so we can return them to the right person. There is a lost property box in our cloakroom which will be emptied on a termly basis so please make sure you check this regularly.



### **THE PLAYWORK PRINCIPLES**

These Principles establish the professional and ethical framework for playwork and as such must be regarded as a whole. They describe what is unique about play and playwork, and provide the playwork perspective for working with children and young people. They are based on the recognition that children and young people's capacity for positive development will be enhanced if given access to the broadest range of environments and play opportunities.

1. All children and young people need to play. The impulse to play is innate. Play is a biological, psychological and social necessity, and is fundamental to the healthy development and wellbeing of individuals and communities.
2. Play is a process that is freely chosen, personally directed and intrinsically motivated. That is, children and young people determine and control the content and intent of their play, by following their own instincts, ideas and interests, in their own way for their own reasons.
3. The prime focus and essence of playwork is to support and facilitate the play process and this should inform the development of play policy, strategy, training and education.
4. For playworkers, the play process takes precedence and playworkers act as advocates for play when engaging with adult led agendas.
5. The role of the playworker is to support all children and young people in the creation of a space in which they can play.
6. The playworker's response to children and young people playing is based on a sound up to date knowledge of the play process, and reflective practice.
7. Playworkers recognise their own impact on the play space and also the impact of children and young people's play on the playworker.
8. Playworkers choose an intervention style that enables children and young people to extend their play. All playworker intervention must balance risk with the developmental benefit and well being of children.

### **COMMENTS AND SUGGESTION BOX**

If you have any comments or suggestions, please do let us know by placing them in the box in the cloakroom. Your views are very much appreciated and support us in making our Kids Club even better at being the best we can be! If you have any comments or suggestions, you can also let us know by emailing [kidsclub@cromwellacademy.com](mailto:kidsclub@cromwellacademy.com).