

Friday 24 June 2016

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



Dear Parents/Carers

Thank you to all of you that have returned your registration documents and paid the £10.00 registration fee for September 2016. If you have not done so, please return these as soon as possible in order for us to accommodate your children as best we can. You can pay the registration fee via Parentpay, cash or cheque. We are still waiting for a few password forms to be handed in – we require these as part of our Safeguarding policy.

Once we have processed all registration forms and allocated sessions, a letter confirming your sessions will be sent out to you in July. We would like to remind you that sessions are given on a first come first served basis.

If you have any questions regarding September 2016 sessions please speak to Lisa Allen or Helen Goodyear.

Looking forward to the Autumn Term, we will be asking you for your ideas and suggestions on some of the following to enhance our provision: role play area, cultural boxes, snacks, visitors, trips and holiday club. Please write these down on our mind map board, which can be found in Kids Club.

We will also be sending out a parent/carer survey before the end of the Summer Term. Your time in completing the survey is very much appreciated.

Kind regards

Lisa Allen and Helen Goodyear
Kids Club Leaders

Remember to follow us on:

Twitter: @cromwellacademy

Website: www.comwellacademy.com

WELLY BOOT WEDNESDAY

Bring in your welly boots on Wednesdays and have some fun in the Wildlife Haven. We may be bug hunting, wood collecting, fire lighting, den building, bird spotting, whittling willow and many more activities.

This term we have been practising our woodwork skills; sawing firewood, drilling holes and hammering nails! The progress the children have made in being able to safely and accurately use the tools has been fantastic.



DONATIONS

A very big **THANK YOU!** to all those parents, carers, children and staff who have donated books, toys, games, stickers and any other bits and bobs for our children to use. We know that possessions can often be hard to part with! These items are well utilised and loved by the children.

FOREST SCHOOL ACTIVITIES



Do you have any spare pairs of welly boots that your children have grown out of? If so, to help us enhance our outdoor and Forest School provision we are asking for donations of outdoor clothing and wellies that can remain in Kids Club. This will allow all of our children to be able to access muddy and outdoor activities, such as using the fire pit, playing in the Mud Kitchen and nature hunts whenever they like.

Thank you for your help in providing fantastic play experiences for our children!



PLACES AVAILABLE

Opening Times and Costs

Our rate for Kids Club sessions from September 2016 are as follows:

Times	Cost per child*
Before School 8.00am - 8.45am	£4.00**
After School 3.15pm – 5.00pm	£7.80**
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 Lisa Allen or email 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 or email kidsclub@cromwellacademy.com. 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.

SAFEGUARDING

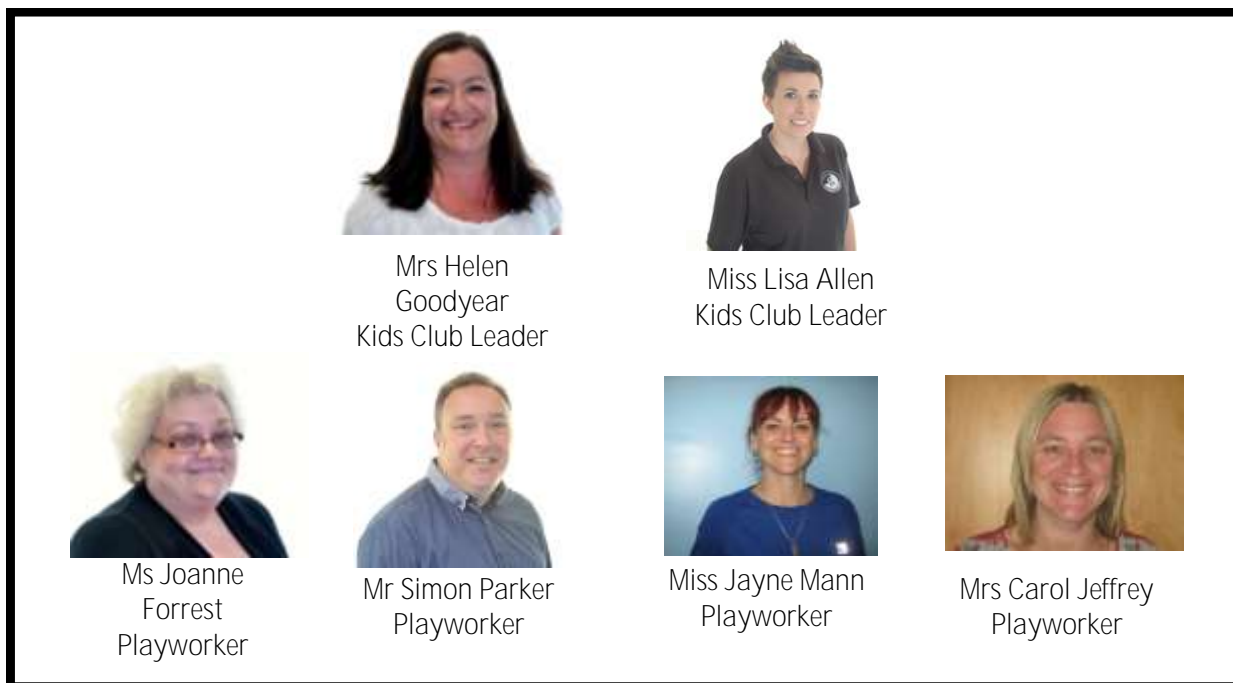
To ensure the safety of our members we would like to ask parents/carers to inform us if their child will not be attending Breakfast Club. Calls should be made by 8.10am on each day of absence. Please do this by calling the Kids Club telephone number: 01480 437582.

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



OUR STAFF TEAM

Our Staff team is made up of the following people:



	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Morning 8.00-8.45am	Lisa Allen Simon Parker Jo Forrest	Helen Goodyear Simon Parker Jo Forrest	Helen Goodyear Lisa Allen Simon Parker	Lisa Allen Helen Goodyear Simon Parker	Lisa Allen Simon Parker Helen Goodyear
After School 3.15-5.00pm	Simon Parker Jayne Mann Jo Forrest	Lisa Allen Simon Parker Helen Goodyear	Lisa Allen Jo Forrest Simon Parker	Helen Goodyear Jo Forrest Carol Jeffrey	Carol Jeffrey Jo Forrest
After School 5.00-6.00pm	Simon Parker Jo Forrest	Simon Parker Lisa Allen	Jo Forrest Lisa Allen	Helen Goodyear Carol Jeffrey	Jo Forrest Carol Jeffrey

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. 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.