

CURZON CE COMBINED SCHOOL

Wrap-Around / Holiday Childcare Information

Introduction

Following the Department of Education recently published guidance for all schools to have a ready response to requests to provide wrap-around / holiday childcare, Curzon has produced this document for any interested parties.

Information specific to providers

Curzon has in the past, considered and undertaken partnerships with wrap-around care providers however this would require a current open need for this service. Specifically, providers interested in holiday childcare should refer to the Lettings Policy for further information.

Information specific to parents

Curzon recognises the parents' right to request wraparound and holiday care.

All requests must be in writing via email or letter to the school and include the type of childcare requested, the age range of the child(ren) and when the provision is most needed.

The school will keep each request on record and once requests have been received for a minimum of 20% of all school pupils within the academic year, with a request for care covering most of the school days in each week, the school will then gauge wider demand across the school.

Following the responses received from this survey, the school will then review any considerations, such as available space (taking into consideration pre-existing after-school clubs), availability of a suitable provider, logistical practicalities, finance and sustainability of the service, safeguarding considerations and other potential barriers to progress.

Then, the school will inform parents of the decision in writing in a timely fashion (ie no more than 8 weeks within receiving the threshold of requests).

Where the school decides not to proceed with wraparound and / or holiday childcare they will clearly signpost parents to the local Family Information Service which will have up to date information about the availability of local childcare.

References:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/wraparound-and-holiday-childcare-responding-to-requests>

<https://www.bucksfamilyinfo.org/kb5/buckinghamshire/fsd/advice.page?id=aq85g1obALQ&=>