

Happy Times After School Club

Admissions and Fees Policy

Happy Times After School Club is registered with Ofsted; our registration number is 2682815. We provide care for up to 40 children between the ages of 4 and 11, primarily serving the children of Alfred Sutton School.

Places are offered on a first-come first-served basis. When all places have been filled, a waiting list will be established, with the following order of priority:

1. Siblings of children already attending the club
2. Those requiring the greatest number of sessions/hours per week
3. Children of Alfred Sutton School
4. Children living in the area attending other schools
5. Sibling of children who live in the area attending other schools

Registration

When an enquiry regarding places is made, parents or carers will be given all the relevant Club information, including:

- Information regarding availability of places
- Details of the **Admissions and Fees** policy
- Registration form, medical form, parent contract, booking form, privacy notice, photo permission form
- **Behaviour Management** policy
- **Complaints** policy
- **Club Handbook**

If a place is available, the parents and child will be invited to visit the club for an induction. The child will be able to attend the Club as soon as the completed forms are received.

If no places are available, the parent will be informed and the child's name added to the waiting list. As soon as suitable places become available parents will be informed.

Booking procedure

Parents must complete the necessary online paperwork, ie contract, registration, medical, privacy notice, booking and photo permission forms, before their children can attend the club.

- **contract place:**

Once booked, if a child does not attend for any reason, you will still be charged for this place. If you wish to cancel the place altogether, one month's notice in writing is required.

- **Ad-hoc booking:**

We will accept Ad-hoc bookings as long as there are places available. If a Ad-hoc place has been booked and is no longer required, the club must be given 48 hours notice. If notice is not given, the place will still be charged for.

Fee structure

Fees are charged as shown on the Clubs website

The Club recognises that childcare can be costly, so we encourage eligible parents or carers to claim the childcare element of the Working Tax Credit/Universal Credit. We are also registered to accept childcare vouchers and with the Tax-Free Childcare scheme.

- Fees can be paid by electronic transfer, childcare vouchers, tax-free childcare or direct debit
- There is a charge for late collection
- Fees are charged for booked sessions whether the child attends or not

Payment of fees

Fees are reviewed annually. The Club will consider requests for variation to payment terms on an individual basis. Anyone making these requests should contact the manager at the earliest opportunity. Any queries regarding fees should be directed to the manager.

If fees are not paid, the Club will write to the parent or carer, requesting payment. If the parents or carers are having difficulty making the payment on time we recommend that they arrange a meeting with the manager as soon as possible.

Where there is no explanation for repeated late payment, the manager will contact the parents or carers to discuss payment options. The manager may issue a formal warning to the parent or carer informing them that continued late payment will result in their child’s place at the Club being withdrawn.

If the fees remain unpaid after all the above options have been explored, the Club may have to cancel the child’s place.

This policy was adopted by Happy Times After School Club	Date: July 2024
To be reviewed: July 2025	Signed: Surjit Bains, Club Manager

Written in accordance with the Statutory Framework for the Early Years Foundation Stage (2024): Safeguarding and Welfare Requirements: Information and Record Keeping [3.78], Information for Parents and Carers