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Slimbridge Primary School

School Clubs Policy

Aims of school clubs

At Slimbridge Primary School we aim to provide extra high-quality teaching and coaching opportunities for children during and after school hours. This allows the children to further develop their social, emotional and educational skills. Children will:

- Have greater understanding of health and fitness and opportunities to opt for physical activity to encourage a healthy lifestyle, when attending sports clubs
- Learn and develop new interests, skills and talents eg arts, drama, singing, music, academic and sports etc
- Show a desire to improve and achieve in relation to their abilities and aspirations
- Develop the appreciation of the concept of fair play, team play, honest competition and good sportsmanship when attending sports clubs.
- Understand safe practice and develop a sense of responsibility
- Promote self-esteem through physical competence and learning new skills

General Information for running a school club

These clubs will be for all children in the school (not Little Otters) and will extend the pupil learning or give opportunities to try or consolidate activities and interests in an enjoyable atmosphere. Clubs are inclusive. Although, restricted to certain year groups, ratios etc, no child will be excluded from a club unless there is a danger to themselves or others.

Clubs will be run by school staff, teachers, TAs, or by volunteers and parents. Where volunteers or parents are running a club, the Head teacher will be responsible for the vetting and risk assessments to ensure the children and helpers are safe and well cared for. DBS vetting will only be necessary for regular volunteers. Clubs can run from 8.00am to 8.35am, 12.00 – 1.00pm and 3.00 – 4:00pm, any club running outside these times will be by special arrangement.

Some clubs will provide opportunities to take part in inter school competitions. All children will be encouraged to take part and only when there is a restriction on 'team

members' will the member of staff or volunteer organising this event select the children to take part. When making team selections priority will be given to the children in the year groups identified by the event organisers.

Other criteria can be used in selection, such as commitment to the club, effort during club, where possible all children will be taken to the event.

Most clubs are targeted to specific year groups; this will allow organisers to tailor activities to meet the needs of these children. There will be at least one activity for every year group in Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2. Clubs are organised and run for two terms each. They will start the second week of term 1, 3, 5 and finish the penultimate week of term 2, 4, 6. They will only be cancelled if the organiser is unavailable or during parent consultation, residential, test and Drama weeks.

Most clubs are free, however, the school reserves the right to charge for certain resources. Clubs will have a limit on numbers according to safety requirements. Sports clubs run by volunteers at the Recreation Ground will be limited to a ratio of 1:8. A waiting list will be maintained for oversubscribed clubs.

The school pays for the use of the Slimbridge recreation ground. When using the Recreation Ground there should be enough staff to maintain the ratios and have one helper to accompany children back to school if necessary. Children must sensibly walk in pairs and a number of the outer children will wear a hi-vis jacket.

Absences

Parents are requested to inform the club leader in advance if their child is unable to attend one of the sessions. This can be done either by sending a note via the child to the teacher running the club, or in the case of clubs run by outside professionals, by phoning the School Office who will then pass on the message.

Attendance

It is expected that a child will commit to a term's membership of a chosen club (eg Autumn, Spring, Summer). Parents are requested to inform the School Office if their child wishes to leave the club before the end of term.

Safety

A 'first-aider' will always be on school premises for the duration of the club session. Clubs will have a limit on numbers according to safety requirements. The school pays for the use of the Slimbridge recreation ground. When using the Recreation Ground there should be enough staff to maintain the ratios and have one helper to accompany children back to school if necessary. Children must sensibly walk in pairs and a number of the outer children will wear a hi-vis jacket.

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Collecting children after a club

Any child not collected on time at the end of a school club will be brought to the school office where the parent/carer will be contacted.